



A Journey Through Lent

St. Luke Lutheran Church • Fifth Sunday in Lent Pastor Eric Hanson • 9:30AM • April 3, 2022

Prelude: *Debbi St. John, Pianist/Organist*

Welcome and Announcements

Capital Campaign Temple Talk: *Lana Huemann*

Lenten Greeting *(please stand as you are able)*

P: Friends in Christ, we gather during this season of Lent to remember Jesus' Passover from death to life. We journey through this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's grace. We are created to live in joyful communion with God and one another, but we oftentimes wound our relationship with God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended. As disciples of Jesus, we long for repentance leading to change.

C: God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours. Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek your will for our lives.

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: With honesty of heart, we confess our sin together. Merciful God,

C: Lord, Forgive us. Our will is handcuffed to sin, & we cannot break free. We have spoken when we should have kept quiet. We were silent when we should have said something. We were still when we should have moved. We moved when we should have been still. For the wrong we have done, and for the good we have failed to do, have mercy on us & bring us new life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior & Lord. Amen.

P: Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces us in tender care. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet us again this day. In Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. We are created anew, freed from sin & death for new life in Christ. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: *"Christ, The Life Of All The Living"* #339

Vs 1: Christ, the death of death, our foe, Christ, yourself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe:
through your suff'ring, death, & merit life eternal I inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.

Vs. 2: You have suffered great affliction and have borne it patiently, even death by crucifixion,
fully to atone for me; for you chose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.

Vs. 3: Then, for all that bought my pardon, for the sorrows deep and sore, for the anguish in the garden,
I will thank you evermore; thank you for the groaning, sighing, for the bleeding and the dying,
for that last triumphant cry, praise you evermore on high.

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray together,

C: 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.

New Testament Reading - 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: ⁵circumcised 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; ⁶as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. ⁷But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸What 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 Acclamation: *“Lamb of God” #336 (stand as you are able)*

Verse 1: Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Verse 2: Your gift of love we crucified. We laughed and scorned him as he died.
The humble king we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. [Refrain]

Verse 3: I was so lost. I should have died, but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God. [Refrain]

Gospel Reading - John 12:1-8

¹Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ²Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³Then 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. ⁴But 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.” ⁶He 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. ⁸You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.”

P: This is the Word of our Lord, C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Sermon: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Hymn of the Day: *“You Are My Sunshine” 3X*

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, You make me happy when skies are gray,
You'll never know dear how much I love you, Please don't take my sunshine away.

Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray together,

C: **God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us & these your gifts, which we receive first from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Baptism of Cooper Stehr

The Prayers: *(call and response)*

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.* Do a new thing in the church. Free us from paradigms that no longer serve the gospel and bring forward leaders who imagine fresh ways of doing ministry. Give us courage in the face of change. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing for creation. Reverse the trajectory of climate change and environmental catastrophe. Revive habitats already impaired by human disregard. Amplify the voices of climate scientists and researchers working to chart a new course. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing in our world. Break barriers that prevent political enemies from working together for the well-being of all. Make a way for peace and collaboration among the nations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing for those who suffer. Reveal a path for any who are unemployed or underemployed, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who struggle with money. Comfort those who grieve and restore those who are sick especially: Jessica Huemann, Keith Brown, Kathy Nardinger, Dolly Mensink, Finley Budensiek, Sara Nolte, Roger Kurtti, Judy Carpenter, Donald & Nancy Nord, Larry Reese, Dan Hedeem, Ken Bremer, Matt Ludwig, Sue Majerus and Jan Benidt. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Lord, we come, rejoicing in your grace, grateful that we grow in our faith as we worship and as we study Your word. Help us to do Your work with our hands, serving people in need here and everywhere. Confident in Your plans for us, grant our hearts and minds the confidence to commit to always giving generously of our time, talents and treasure, but especially in our present capital campaign ~~ for we know that everything we have is a gift from you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing within us. Direct us into encounters that broaden our understanding of the human experience. Amplify voices that are ignored or devalued. Deliver us especially from the scourge of racism. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing in our death. Fill us with the knowledge of Christ and the power of his resurrection as we give thanks for all the saints who have attained the prize of their heavenly call. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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

Sharing the Peace:

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The Great Thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you **C: And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give Him thanks & praise.**

The 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.

The Meal & Hymns: "Tree Of Life" vs 1-3 & Lent 5 #334

Verse 1: Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry, in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of hist'ry, still you rise with ev'ry morn, still you rise with ev'ry morn.

Verse 2: We remember truth once spoken, love passed on through act and word;
ev'ry person lost and broken wears the body of our Lord, wears the body of our Lord.

Verse 3: Christ, you lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow, we the river, you the sea, we the river, you the sea.

Lent 5: God of all our fear and sorrow, God who lives beyond our death,
hold us close through each tomorrow, love as near as ev'ry breath, love as near as ev'ry breath.

"In The Cross Of Christ I Glory" #324

Vs 1: In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

Vs 2: When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

Vs 3: When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Vs 4: Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

"Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross" #335

Vs 1: Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain: In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever; till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Vs 2: Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. [Refrain]

Vs 3: Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. [Refrain]

Vs 4: Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. [Refrain]

Communion Prayer:

P: Let us pray together,

C: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of life. 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.

Blessing: *(stand as you are able)*

P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, & claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you & keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you & be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor & give you + peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: *"Beneath The Cross Of Jesus"* #338

Vs 1: Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand; the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land, a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.

Vs 2: Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see the very dying form of one who suffered there for me. And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess: the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

Vs 3: I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

Dismissal: P: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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