



Lent

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St. Luke Lutheran Church Pastor Eric Hanson 8:30AM • February 21, 2021 First Sunday in Lent

Prelude: "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" #751 2X

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise! All my hope comes from God;
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise, God the well-spring of life.

Confession and Forgiveness *(please stand as you are able)*

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the leader begins.)

L: We begin in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit **C: Amen**

L: God of heaven and earth, you come in close & make us yours. Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, & seek your will for our lives, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen**

L: With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin. *Silence.* Merciful God,

C: Forgive us. Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free. We have spoken when we should have kept quiet. *Silence*

C: We were silent when we should have said something. *Silence*

C: We were still when we should have moved. *Silence*

C: We moved when we should have been still. *Silence*

C: For the wrong we have done, for the good we have failed to do, have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

L: Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of + Jesus Christ, leading you from death into life. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: (you may be seated) "Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty" #777

Verse 1: "Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty; drink the water I will give.

If you knew what gift I offer, you would come to me and live."

Refrain: Jesus, Ever flowing fountain, give us water from your well.

In the gracious gift you offer there is joy no tongue can tell.

Verse 2: "Come to me, all trav'lers weary; come that I may give you rest.

Drink the cup of life I offer; at this table be my guest." [Refrain.]

Verse 3: "Come to me, believers burdened; find refreshment in this place.

Come, receive the gift I offer, turn to me and seek my face." [Refrain.]

Verse 4: "Come to me, repentant sinners; leave behind your guilt and shame.

Come and know divine compassion, turn to me, I call your name." [Refrain.]

Greeting:

L: The Grace or our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie L: Kyrie eleison **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Christe eleison **C: Christ, have mercy.**

L: Kyrie eleison **C: Lord, have mercy.**

Canticle of Praise: "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery" #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 1 Verse: From the dawning of creation you have loved us as your own;
stay with us through all temptation, make us turn to you alone, make us turn to you alone.**

Prayer of the Day: Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10: read by Morgan Rehder

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. ²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. ³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous. ⁴Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. ⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. ⁶Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. ⁸You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way. ⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way. ¹⁰All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Gospel Acclamation: "Hosanna in the Highest" 2X (Stand as you are able)

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest

L: The holy gospel according to.... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 5:12-16 (Please stand as you are able)

¹²Once, when he was in one of the cities, there was a man covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he bowed with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean." ¹³Then Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, "I do choose. Be made clean." Immediately the leprosy left him. ¹⁴And he ordered him to tell no one. "Go," he said, "and show yourself to the priest, and, as Moses commanded, make an offering for your cleansing, for a testimony to them." ¹⁵But now more than ever the word about Jesus spread abroad; many crowds would gather to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. ¹⁶But he would withdraw to deserted places and pray.

L: Word of God. Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message (you may be seated)

Message by Calvin Peterson

Hymn of the Day: "Lord Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word" #517

**Verse 1: Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word; curb those who by deceit or sword
would wrest the kingdom from your Son and bring to naught all he has done.**

**Verse 2: Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are Lord of lords alone;
defend your holy church, that we may sing your praise eternally.**

**Verse 3: O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife, and lead us out of death to life.**

Apostles' Creed: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, & was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, & he will come to judge the living & the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, & the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers: (call and response)

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence. In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance; teach us to trust always in the good news of your salvation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You have made a covenant of mercy with every living creature. Protect all the earth's creatures from destruction. Empower the work of biologists, conservationists, and science educators. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness. Direct the words and actions of leaders in our community and throughout the world, that they may maintain justice for the lowly. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Even in the wilderness you are with us. Walk alongside migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands. Tend to those whose lives feel desolate. Give healing and strength to all who suffer especially, Gabriel Ryan, Jo Buck, Ruth Holm, Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, David Roschen, Jim Howard, Naomi Berland, Nancy & Donald Nord, Dean Kirkland, Don & Ella Hadler, Marlene & Lloyd Roschen, Finley Budensiek, Brent Hokanson, Karl Thomforde and the family of Nathlye Benrud. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the covenant of baptism you claim us as beloved children. Nurture us in our baptismal identity and teach us to live within it for the sake of others. Strengthen this congregation's ministries of care and concern. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In baptism you join us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise you for all those who have died trusting in your faithfulness. Bring us with them to the fullness of your reign. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace: L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering & Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above, you heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offertory Prayer:

P: O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.

Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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

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

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

Salutation

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy Lord, most holy Lord; You alone are worthy of all the praise. Holy Lord, most Holy Lord;

with all of my heart I sing: Great are You Lord, worthy of praise, holy and true; great are You Lord, most holy Lord.

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; & forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; & lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, & the power, and the glory, forever & ever. Amen.

Lamb of God

Your only Son, we crucified, we laughed and scorned Him as He died,
The humble King, we named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God.
Oh, 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.

Communion Prayer: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Blessing (*please stand as you are able*)

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

Sending Hymn: "Thy Holy Wings" #613

Verse 1: Thy Holy Wings, O Savior, spread gently over me, & let me rest securely through good and ill in thee.
Oh, be my strength & portion, my rock & hiding place, & let my every moment be lived within thy grace.

Verse 2: Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast where I will find sweet comfort & peace within thy nest.
Oh, close thy wings around me & keep me safely there, for I am but a newborn & need thy tender care.

Verse 3: Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood. Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean & good.
Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great & small, & while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one & all.

Dismissal L: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" #512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.