



A Journey Through Lent

St. Luke Lutheran Church • Second Sunday in Lent Pastor Eric Hanson • 9:30AM • March 13, 2022

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

Welcome and Announcements

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: *"In Heaven Above"* #630

**Vs 1: In heav'n above, in heav'n above, where God our Father dwells: how boundless there the blessedness!
No tongue its greatness tells. There face to face, and full and free,
the everliving God we see, our God, the Lord of hosts!**

**Vs 2: In heav'n above, in heav'n above, what glory deep and bright!
The splendor of the noonday sun grows pale before its light. The mighty sun that goes not down,
before whose face clouds never frown, is God, the Lord of hosts!**

**Vs 3: In heav'n above, in heav'n above, no tears of pain are shed, for nothing there can fade or die;
life's fullness round is spread, and like an ocean, joy o'er flows,
and with immortal mercy glows our God, the Lord of hosts!**

**Vs 4: In heav'n above, in heav'n above, God has a joy prepared, which mortal ear has never heard,
nor mortal vision shared, which never entered mortal thought,
in mortal dreams was never sought, O God, the Lord of hosts!**

Prayer of the Day: P: Let us pray together,

C: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

New Testament Reading - Philippians 3:17-4:1 ¹⁷Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

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 - Luke 13:31-35 ³¹ At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you." ³² He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' ³³ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day – for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! ³⁴ "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. ³⁵ Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

Children's Message: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

PreK-1st Graders Sing

Sermon: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Hymn of the Day: "How Great Thou Art" #415

**Vs 1: O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder Consider all the works Thy hands have made
I see the stars I hear the mighty thunder Thy pow'r thru'out The universe displayed**

**Chorus: Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee How great Thou art How great Thou art
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**Vs 2: When through the woods & forest glades I wander I hear the birds Sing sweetly in the trees When
I look down From lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook And feel the gentle breeze [chorus]**

**Vs 3: But when I think That God His Son not sparing Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in
That on the cross My burden gladly bearing He bled and died To take away my sin [chorus]**

**Vs 4: When Christ shall come With shout of acclamation And take me home What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow In humble adoration And there proclaim My God how great Thou art [chorus]**

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)

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.* You gather the church into a community of mercy and grace. Unify Christians around the globe in efforts to proclaim good news even in the face of opposition and to protect those whose lives are imperiled by the gospel. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You create the entire universe and call it good. Hinder those who would cause further destruction to our planet's fragile ecosystems, and augment the calls of those who advocate for thoughtful stewardship of the earth's resources. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You raise up leaders committed to love & justice. Nurture in those who govern patience to receive criticism, openness to new ideas, and courage to change course when needed for the sake of the common good. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You hear us when we cry to you. Attend to those expecting a child, and console those who have experienced miscarriage. Comfort veterans enduring post-traumatic stress and those who have recently been deployed. Shield those endangered by domestic violence. Uphold those who are ill or grieving especially: Jessica Huemann, Keith Brown, Kathy Nardinger, Dolly Mensink, Finley Budensiek, Sara Nolte, Deb Huneke, Roger Kurtti, Judy Carpenter, Donald & Nancy Nord, Ben Haenel, Larry Reese, Barb Maher, Dan Hedeem, Ken Bremer, Matt Ludwig 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.**

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You kindle faith that moves us into action. Guide children and adults preparing for baptism or confirmation. Empower Sunday school teachers, confirmation leaders, and parents who share their faith with younger generations. Give us all a renewed sense of vocation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You welcome us into your heavenly realm. We give thanks for those whose labors on earth are ended and who now rest with you. On the final day, gather all of us, with them, in your loving arms. 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.**

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 and these your gifts, which we receive first from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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 1,2,3 & Lent 2 verse #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 2: In our call to be a blessing, may we be a blessing true;
may we live and die confessing Christ as Lord of all we do, Christ as Lord of all we do.

"Thy Holy Wings" #613

Vs 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.

Vs 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.

Vs 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.

"Around You, O Lord Jesus" #468

Vs 1: Around you, O Lord Jesus, your own you gather still to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill. You say to us so lovingly, "Take, eat! This is my body! Take, drink! This is my blood!"

Vs 2: We hear your invitation, and heed, O Lord, your call; your word of consolation is spoken here to all. It draws us to your loving heart; it brings to us your blessing, which never will depart.

Vs 3: We are your own forever; until our final breath we will be true and never in joy, in grief, in death depart from you, for you are still among your people dwelling, as you have said you will.

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: *"Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me" #623*

Vs 1: Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed, be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Vs. 2: Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Vs 3: Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling. Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

Vs 4: While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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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