

The First Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you”; ⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered, ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *(stand as you are able)* *“Tree Of Life” Vs 1-3 & Lent 5 #334 led by Eve Stone*

**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.**

The Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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Children’s Message: *Pastor Eric Hanson (you may be seated)*

Sermon: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Hymn of the Day & Offering:

Offerings will be collected during the hymn of the day. Thank you also to those who give online. If you’d like to sign up for online giving please visit <http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving.html>. Children’s coin offering will go toward ELCA Good Gifts serving communities in need around the world.

“Precious Lord” #773 led by Kelly Rehder

Vs 1: Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Vs 2: When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Vs 3: When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone, at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Offertory Response: *“Give Thanks” led by Kelly Rehder (ushers bring offerings forward)*

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong”.

Let the poor say, “I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us”. Give thanks.

Offertory Prayer: P: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us.

Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek & follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Apostles’ Creed: *(please stand as you are able)*

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven & 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, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and 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, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers: *(call and response)*

Trusting in God’s promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need. *A brief silence.* God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill especially Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Judy Carpenter, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Geri Lindholm, Shawn Fredrixon, Marc Bode, Julie Marklevits, Harlan Reese, Ella Hadler and Beth Carlson. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us. Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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.

Meal and Hymns: *(you may be seated)*

All are welcome at this meal. We believe in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection experienced in bread and wine.

Please move forward via the center aisle. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received by dipping the bread into the wine chalice and consuming both together. All ages are welcome to commune. Those not communing may receive a blessing by simply keeping your hands folded or extending your arms over your chest in the sign of a cross inviting blessing. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone, for Christ is fully present in the meal. You may return to your seats via the side aisles after communing. Gluten-free is available, simply make the server aware of your need. Also, if you cannot come forward, but wish for communion or blessing, let the usher know it will come to you at the end.

“Jesus Paid It All” solo by Calvin Ryan

Fifth Sunday in Lent

St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson
9:30AM • March 17, 2024

“The Old Rugged Cross” led by Calvin Ryan

**Vs 1: On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest & best for a world of lost sinners was slain.**

**Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.**

**Vs 2: O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for
me; for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above to bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]**

**Vs 3: In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me. [Refrain]**

**Vs 4: To that old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away, where his glory forever I'll share. [Refrain]**

“What a Friend We Have In Jesus” #742 led by Calvin Ryan

**Vs 1: What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything
to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**

**Vs 2: Have we trials & temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it
to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Vs 3: Are we weak & heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge - take it
to the Lord in prayer! Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.**

Communion Prayer: *(please stand as you are able)*

P: Let us pray,

**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.**

The Blessing:

P: 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 and
be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you + peace. **Amen.**

Sending: *“Amazing Grace” #779 led by Michelle Matthees*

**Vs 1: Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.**

**Vs 2: 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!**

**Vs 3: Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.**

**Vs 4: The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be, As long as life endures.**

**Vs 5: When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.**

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Welcome & Announcements

Lenten Greeting *(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 & 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, and 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 and bring us new life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and 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. You are free from sin and death. Live anew with
God and each other today. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: *“God, We Gather As Your People” led by Kris Pearson & accompanied by Calvin Ryan*

**Vs 1: God, we gather as your people to raise our song above,
and we dare to claim the promise of your love. Though the day may not yet be here,
we trust it soon will be, when your children will be free.**

Refrain: Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened, fling the church doors open wide.

May there be room enough for ev'ryone inside.

For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong. May that welcome be our song.

**Vs 2: Oh, we sing for all the children, that one day they be free; and we sing for generations yet to be,
that they never have a reason to doubt that they are blest.
May they, in your love, find rest. [Refrain]**

**Vs 3: Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and shame, so afraid of who they are and
whom they love. May the message now be banished that your love is for the few;
may their faith in you renew. [Refrain]**

**Vs 4: God, we're working for the future when children far and wide can live their lives with dignity
and pride. As they grow in strength and stature, may they join us hand in hand,
as against all hate we stand. [Refrain]**

Prayer of the Day: *(you may be seated)* P: Let us pray together

**C: O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to
bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**