

Lent

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St. Luke Lutheran Church Pastor Eric Hanson

8:30AM • March 21, 2021 • Fifth Sunday in Lent

Thank you to Sara Strusz for leading our music this morning!

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)* "Christ Be Our Light" #715

**Verse 1: Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**

**Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Verse 2: Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. [Refrain]**

**Verse 3: Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. [Refrain]**

**Verse 4: Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. [Refrain]**

**Verse 5: Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. [Refrain]**

Greeting: L: The Grace or our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, & the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**

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

Prayer of the Day: O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalms 119:9-16: *read by Henry Ludwig* ⁹How shall the young keep their way clean? By keeping to your word. ¹⁰With my whole heart I seek you; let me not stray from your commandments. ¹¹I treasure your promise in my heart, that I may not sin against you. ¹²Blessed are you, O Lord; instruct me in your statutes. ¹³With my lips I recite all the judgments of your mouth. ¹⁴I take greater delight in the way of your decrees than in all manner of riches. ¹⁵I will meditate on your commandments and give attention to your ways. ¹⁶My delight is in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

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: **Mark 10:32-45** (Please stand as you are able) ³²They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; ³⁴they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again." ³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

Children's Message (you may be seated)

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Hymn of the Day: *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"* #759

Verse 1: My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine: now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine.

**Verse 2: May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me,
Oh may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.**

**Verse 3: While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.**

**Verse 4: When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll,
blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove; Oh bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.**

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. You wash us through and through and remember our sin no more. Make your church a community of forgiveness throughout the world. Give your people courage to forgive; through them show the world new possibilities. Bless ministries of repentance and reconciliation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You fill the earth – from tiny grains of wheat to the mighty thunder – with your presence, and you call us to attend to your will for all creation. Grant weather that prepares the soil for seeds; protect all from violent storms, flooding, and wildfires. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You promise to write your law on our hearts. Guide citizens throughout the world to shape communities that reflect your mercy, justice, and peace, and give them creativity to work for the welfare of all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Restore the joy of all who need to know your presence: those who are lonely or feel unforgivable, those who need healing of mind or body, those who are dying, and all who grieve especially, Gabriel Ryan, Jo Buck, Ruth Holm, Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, David Roschen, Jim Howard, Naomi Berland, Dean Kirkland, Don & Ella Hadler, Lloyd Roschen, Finley Budensiek, Brent Hokanson, Karl Thomforde & the families of Dave and Jon Roschen. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Jesus calls us to follow him in life and death. Empower this congregation in discipleship. Equip children and teachers in Sunday school, confirmation, and learning ministries. Give us your truth and wisdom and teach us to follow Jesus. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the cross of Christ, your name is glorified. We praise you for those who have given us words to worship you. With all those who have died in Christ, bring us into life everlasting. 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: "Amazing Grace" #779

Verse 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.

Verse 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!

Verse 3: Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Verse 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.

Verse 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 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.

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