



# A Journey Through Lent

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**St. Luke Lutheran Church • First Sunday in Lent**

**Pastor Eric Hanson • 9:30AM • March 6, 2022**

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**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:** *"On Eagles Wings" #787*

**Verse 1:** You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in His shadow for life.  
Say to the Lord, "My refuge My rock, in whom I trust!"

**Refrain:** And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand.

**Verse 2:** The snare of the fowler will never capture you, And famine will bring you no fear,  
Under His wings, your refuge, His faithfulness, your shield. [refrain]

**Verse 3:** You need not fear the terror of the night, Nor the arrow that flies by day,  
Though thousands fall about you, Near you it shall not come. [refrain]

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

**C:** O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness & brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior & Lord, who lives & reigns with you & the Holy Spirit, one God, now & forever.

**New Testament Reading - Romans 10:8b-13** <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: <sup>9</sup>If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. <sup>11</sup>As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup>for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

### **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 4:1-13** <sup>4</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'" <sup>5</sup>The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup>If you worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" <sup>9</sup>The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. <sup>10</sup>For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; <sup>11</sup>they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" <sup>12</sup>Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

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:**   *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #733*

**Vs 1: Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.**

**Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me**

**Vs 2: Summer and winter, springtime and harvest; Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above;  
Join with all nature in manifold witness; To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [refrain]**

**Vs 3: Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth; Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today & bright hope for tomorrow; Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. [refrain]**

**The Baptism of Bexley Miller**

**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.* We pray for the church. Sharpen its proclamation of the word so that your people learn to reject voices of deception and distraction. Strengthen all who are tempted to believe lies about themselves or others. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the earth and all its creatures. Protect wilderness places and all plant and animal species that call them home. Sustain farmers and all laborers who work the land and harvest the fruits of its abundance. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world. Awaken elected leaders and government officials to the needs of those who are oppressed and grant them compassion to deal mercifully with immigrants and refugees who reside among us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those in need. Rescue those experiencing mental illness or contending with addiction. Ease the anxiety of those who live with dementia. Command your angels concerning all who are sick and those who have been deployed especially: Jessica Huemann, Keith Brown, Kathy Nardinger, Dolly Mensink, Finley Budensiek, Sara Nolte, Deb Huneke, Roger Kurtti, Rich & Sue Majerus, Judy Carpenter, Donald & Nancy Nord, Ben Haenel, Larry Reese, Barb Maher, Dan Hedeem, Ken Bremer 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.**

We pray for this assembly. Bless those who bake bread and prepare the table for our communion celebration. Accompany those who share the bounty of this meal with those who are homebound or hospitalized. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for those who have died. Gather them with all the saints into your heavenly dwelling place. Encourage us with the promise that all who call upon your name are saved. 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 1 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 1: 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.

*"Break Now the Bread of Life"* #515

Verse 1: Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.  
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord; my spirit waits for you, O living Word.

Verse 2: Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.  
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All-in-All!

Verse 3: You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your holy word the truth that rescues me.  
Give me to eat and live with you above; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

*"I am the Bread of Life"* #485

Vs. 1: I am the bread of life, You who come to me shall not hunger, & who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the father beckons.

Refrain: And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day.

Vs. 2: The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live forever, you shall live forever. [Refrain]

Vs. 3: Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you. [Refrain]

Vs. 4: I am the resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me,  
even though you die, you shall live forever. [Refrain]

Vs. 5: Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who have come into the world. [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: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #504**

**Vs 1: A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious; he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.**

**Vs. 2: No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected. You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.**

**Vs 3: Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us, we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot over pow'r us. Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him."**

**Vs 4: God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it; for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom's ours forever!**

**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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