

Lent

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St. Luke Lutheran Church Pastor Eric Hanson

8:30AM • March 7, 2021 • Third Sunday in Lent

Thank you to Larry Miller and Dan Tipcke 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)* "In The Cross of Christ I Glory" #324

Verse 1: In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

Verse 2: When the woes of life o'er take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me. Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

Verse 3: When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Verse 4: Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

Greeting: L: The Grace of 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.**
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 3 Verse: Living Water of salvation, be the fountain of each soul; springing up in new creation,
flow in us and make us whole flow in us and make us whole.**

**Prayer of the Day: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously.
Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Psalm 19: *read by Haley Gravemann* ¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork. ²One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. ³Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, ⁴their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun. ⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. ⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat. ⁷The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple. ⁸The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. ⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. ¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. ¹²Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults. ¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense. ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

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: John 2:13-22 (Please stand as you are able) ¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

Children's Message (you may be seated)

Sermon *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Hymn of the Day: "The Old Rugged Cross"

**Verse 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 and 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.**

Verse 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]

Verse 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]

Verse 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]

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. There is no God before you. Purify the faith of your church, that your people place their trust in nothing beside you. Your name is holy. Guide your church, that in every situation your people's words and actions honor your name. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The heavens declare your glory. Renew your creation. Provide leaders in the struggle for clean air and water; protect creatures and crops that rely on healthy ecosystems; give all people the willingness to repent when our way of life pollutes the earth and skies. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. Fill leaders with the foolishness of your peace and mercy. Your law defends the vulnerable. Work through legislators, judicial systems, and systems of law enforcement to protect the wellbeing and freedom of all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your weakness is stronger than human strength. Protect those who are vulnerable and give courage to all who are suffering, 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. Defend victims of crime and bring redemption to those who have harmed others. Give sabbath rest to all who labor. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You call us to proclaim Christ crucified. Give clarity to this congregation and our leaders, so that we might follow Christ beyond our own habits and comfort. Clear out anything in our common life that would obscure the gospel or that serves our own interests. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The cross of Christ is your power for all who are being saved. Thank you for all the martyrs whose witness reveals the power of the cross. Give us the same trust in life and in death. 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: "Lift High the Cross" #660

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Verse 1: Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [Refrain]

Verse 2: All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. [Refrain]

Verse 3: O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. [Refrain]

Verse 4: So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! [Refrain]

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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