

Fifth Sunday in Lent (3/21/2021)

Prelude

Ministry Opportunities

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.

C: Amen.

P: God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Fountain of living water,

C: pour out your mercy over us.

Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.

**Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.**

Wash us in your cleansing flood.

Make us alive in the Spirit

to follow in the way of Jesus,

as healers and restorers of the world you so love.

Amen.

P: Beloved, God's word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:

by the saving love of Jesus Christ,

the wisdom and power of God,

your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

Journey in the way of Jesus.

C: Amen.

Hymn #379

"Now the Green Blade Rises"



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...

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.

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-12

Cantor Don Poorman

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.
²Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.
³For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.
⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your
sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your
judgment.
⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother’s womb.
⁶Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.
⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.
⁸Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.
⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.
¹⁰Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.
¹¹Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:5-10

⁵Christ 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.
Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

The Holy Gospel

John 12:20-33

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Moment

Zach Watson

Sermon

The Rev. Annabelle Markey

Hymn #329

“As the Sun with Longer Journey”



1 As the sun with long-er jour-ney melts the win-ter’s snow and ice,
 2 Through the days of wait-ing, watch-ing, in the des-ert of our sin,
 3 Praise be giv-en to the mak-er of the sea-sons’ year-ly round:



with its slow-ly grow-ing ra-diance warms the seed be-neath the earth,
 search-ing on the far ho-ri-zon for a sign of cloud or wind,
 Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spir-it—Source, Sus-tain-er, Lord of life,



may the sun of Christ’s up-ris-ing gent-ly bring our hearts to life.
 we a-wait the heal-ing wa-ters of our Sav-ior’s vic-to-ry.
 as the ev-er turn-ing a-ges roll to their e-ter-nal rest.

Prayers of Intercession

Petitions may be submitted in advance.

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 (*especially*). 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 Barbara Jean Franklin, Bob Hughes, Laura Steiger, Lynn Tinman, Glorene Mjoness, Kathy Jones-Smith, Harriet Mohr, Marc Guilbault, Deb Tyler, Caroline Hart, Gloria Driessnack, Maxine Stambaugh, Henry Nelson, Libby Davidson,...*). We give thanks for the healing of Jane Johnson. 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, youth forum, and learning ministries for all ages. Give us your truth and wisdom and teach us to follow Jesus. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In the cross of Christ, your name is glorified. We praise you for those who have given us words to worship you (*especially Thomas Cranmer*). 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.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Even if we are apart, imagine a prayer of peace radiating out from you, encompassing your family, neighbors, community and world.

Offering

Thank you for your continued faithful giving. Your offerings help us

continue our ministries digitally and help us continue to support our non-profit partners and those in need in our community.

To make your offering online, please go to communitylutheran.org, click the "Give" button in the toolbar at the top of the page and fill out the form as appropriate. Your generosity helps us continue to be the Body of Christ in and for the world.

Offertory

Holy Communion

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 and praise.

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit into our hearts and these gifts of bread and wine that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the

remembrance of me.

The 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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Jesus draws the whole world to himself. Come to this meal and be fed.

This is the Lord's Supper, not the Lutheran Supper – know that you are welcome to receive! Today, we will have a benediction and sing the closing hymn, but there is no dismissal. Instead, we invite you to come at 12:00 p.m. to receive Holy Communion in drive through fashion at the church parking lot. You may also drop off food for LINK because we are served and fed in order to feed and serve others. Please look for specific instructions at the end of this bulletin.

Benediction

You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.
Amen.

Hymn # 537

“On Our Way Rejoicing”



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

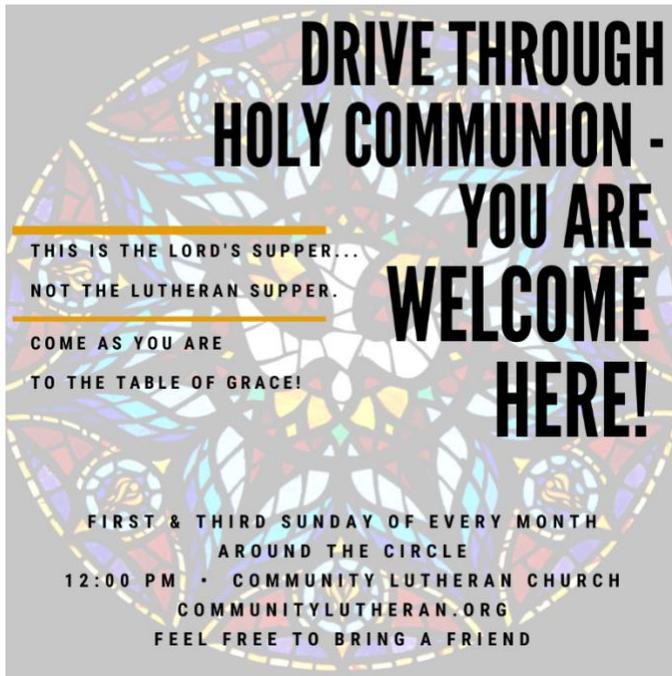
who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,
hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Postlude

We are offering Drive Through Holy Communion today at 12:00 p.m.



- As you drive up, please loop around the circle (greeters will help direct you) and parking lot to take your place in line to drive up to the main entrance of the church (you will see tables). If you are walking up, please maintain social distance.
- Once in line, a runner will ask how many people are receiving communion or a blessing.
- They will report this back to the front table so that when you arrive at the tent, individual prepackaged communion (wafer and grape juice – no gluten free option) will be set out for you on a paper plate to pick up on a table as you drive by. Please pick up and keep the entire plate.
- **To keep us all safe, please obey all directions, wear masks, maintain appropriate social distance practices, and once you have received, do not socialize in the parking lot.**

Food Collection for LINK

You may also drop off food in the corner of the back of the parking lot for [LINK Against Hunger](#) (wearing masks and maintaining social distance).



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