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You
are a
Priest
FOREVER,
after the
ORDER
of
Melchizedek

Hebrews 5:6

10:45 a.m. Sunday, March 17, 2024
Sermon: "What a Priest We Have in Jesus!"



St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School
- A Family to Whom You Belong -
Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:45 a.m. Sunday, March 17, 2024

Servants of God's House Today:

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu

Elder: Tim Draube **Praise Team Leader:** Doris Hill

Usher: Tim Draube

Missionaries: Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf and the Siouxland Hispanic Ministry

Reader: Frank Tenuta

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER Today's Epistle speaks of Jesus, our High Priest. High priests are called to offer sacrifices for the sins of the people as well as themselves. Jesus is a different sort of high priest who offers Himself as sacrifice, once for all, that we might be forgiven and granted eternal salvation. In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims that He came not to be served, but to serve. He came to offer His life as a ransom for us. As we follow Jesus, we are called to reflect His actions and attitude of service and sacrifice. May we likewise go to serve and sacrifice for others.

HOLY COMMUNION The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod believes the Biblical teaching that in communion we receive not the symbolic but the true body and blood of Jesus Christ with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. If you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in the same Biblical teaching, and if you agree with the announcement on our communion card and the confession of our faith, please join us to receive the gifts that Jesus Christ has prepared for us in communion. If you have any questions or uncertainties, please feel free to make an appointment to talk with the pastor during the week before communing with us.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Hand of Fellowship

The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Sentences

P: What a priest we have in Jesus!

C: He is our source of eternal salvation.

P: He sympathizes with us in our weakness.

C: He offers prayers and supplications for us.

P: He serves us and sacrifices Himself for us.

C: What a priest we have in Jesus!

Opening Song “Here I Am To Worship”

*Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You*

Chorus: So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God
(And) You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to
me
King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the Earth You created, all for love's sake became poor
(chorus)

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross,
And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. (chorus twice)
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Nicene Creed

First Lesson Jeremiah 31:31–34 (God's new covenant)

<p>³¹“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD.</p> <p>³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those</p>	<p>days, declares 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.</p> <p>³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”</p>
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The Epistle Hebrews 5:1–10 (Jesus is our great High Priest.)

¹Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by Him 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, after the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence.

⁸Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

Holy Gospel Mark 10:35–45 (The Son of Man came to serve and give His life.)

³⁵And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to [Jesus] and said to Him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And He said to them, “What do 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.” ³⁸Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?”

³⁹And they said to Him, “We are able.” And 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.” ⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴²And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

Children’s Message

The Song of Instruction “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

Tw'as grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun for-bear to shine.
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

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The Word “What a Priest We Have in Jesus!”

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

To our guest: Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

*Please pass your **Welcome Card** to an usher or acolyte.*

Matthew 6:21—For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Offertory “In His Time”

1. In His time, in His time, He makes all things beautiful in His time.
Lord, please show me ev'ry day, As You're teaching me Your way,
that You do just what You say, in Your time.

2. In Your time, in Your time, You make all things beautiful in Your time.
Lord, my life to You I bring, May each song I have to sing be to You a
lovely thing, in Your time.

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The Prayer of the Church

Invitation with Confession and Absolution

P: Though Jesus is our great High Priest, we have lived as if we did not need Him, as though our sin was not dire and deadly. Despite our self-centered failures, our heavenly Father is merciful, and because of Jesus, He invites us to draw near to His throne in confidence to ask for forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection.)

P: Heavenly Father,

C: we have sinned against our neighbors and against You. We have sought to be served. We have demanded others sacrifice for us. Forgive us, renew us, and humble us, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy sent Jesus into our world to be our great High Priest, who came to serve and offer His life as a ransom for us. Christ died and is risen for you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. We are forgiven. Christ has sacrificed His life for us.

INVITATIONAL SONG (“Praise Team):

He said come to the table

Come join the sinners who have been redeemed

Take your place beside the Savior now

Sit down and be set free

Come to the table

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

READING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT CARD FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(Praise Team will be served communion at this time.)

DISTRIBUTION “As the Deer”

1. As the deer panteth for the water, So my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship Thee. (Chorus)

Chorus: You alone are my strength, my shield; To You, alone, may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

2. You're my friend and You are my brother, Even tho' You are a King.
I love You more than any other, So much more than anything. (Chorus)

3. I want You more than gold or silver, Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver, And the apple of my eye. (Chorus)

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“Revelation Song”

1. Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain
Holy, Holy, is He
Sing a new song, to him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat
(Chorus)
Holy, Holy, Holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is, and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of Kings
You are my everything
And I will adore You...
2. Clothed in rainbows, of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be
To You the only wise King (Chorus)
3. Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
At the mention of your name
Jesus your name is power
Breath and living water
Such a marvelous mystery... (Chorus)
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“Commune with Me”

Verse 1:

Commune with me, Commune with me
Between the wings of the cherubim
Commune with me, Commune with me
Commune with me
Between the wings of the cherubim
Commune with me

Verse 2:

I worship You, I worship You
Between the wings of the cherubim
I worship You, I worship You
I worship You
Between the wings of the cherubim
I worship You

Verse 3:

I'll meet You there, I'll meet You there
Between the wings of the cherubim
I'll meet You there, I'll meet You there
I'll meet You there
Between the wings of the cherubim
I'll meet You there

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The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Going Out Song "King of My Heart"

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run, the fountain I drink from.

Oh, He is my song.

Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide, the ransom for my life.

Oh, He is my song.

And You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

You are good, good, oh.

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails, the anchor in the waves.

Oh, He is my song.

Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins, the echo of my days.

Oh, He is my song.

And You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

You are good, good, oh.

-- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

-- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

-- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

-- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down. (Repeat)

You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

-- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

-- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

-- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

-- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

(interlude)

When the night is holding on to me, God is holding on.

Yeah, when the night is holding on to me, God is holding on.

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Lenten Service Times

Wednesdays
 at 12:15 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
 (A Lenten Meal will be served following
 the 6 :00 p.m.)

Our emphasis during Lent is on Moses' book called Exodus. In it, Moses asks Pharaoh to let God's people go seven times (Exodus 5:1; 7:16; 8:1, 20; 9:1, 13; 10:3) and Pharaoh finally does it! When he does, God's salvation is so amazing that the event becomes the Gospel of the Old Testament. Israel's Scriptures mention the **exodus 125 times!**

Throughout the book of Exodus God reveals who He is through His absence and His presence, through His silence and His speech, through His wrath and His mercy, and through His judgment and His amazing grace. In doing so, the book paints a beautiful portrait of Jesus.

Ash Wednesday	02/14	"Big Things with Small Stuff"	Exodus 2:1–10
Lent 1	02/21	"How God Changes Us"	Exodus 3:1–14
Lent 2	02/28	"Stop Trying and Start Trusting"	Exodus 14:1–29
Lent 3	03/06	"Strike the Rock!"	Exodus 17:1–7
Lent 4	03/13	"Mine!"	Exodus 20:1–17
Lent 5	03/20	"Digging Ourselves into a Hole"	Exodus 32:1–14
Palm Sunday	03/24	"A New Beginning!"	Exodus 34:1–8
Maundy Thursday	03/28	"Access!"	Exodus 24:1–11
Good Friday	03/29	"Agnus Dei"	Exodus 12:1–13
Easter Sunday	03/31	"Against all Odds!"	Exodus 15:1–18

- * Maundy Thursday & Good Friday: 12:15 & 6:00 PM
- * Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday: 8:15 & 10:45 AM
- * Easter Sunrise Service: 7:45 AM
- * Easter Breakfast: 7:00 –11:00 AM

