

Sunday, March 17th, 2024 * 9:30 AM * INPERSON and ONLINE



5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Introduction

TODAY'S THEME: God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Print out your bulletin or use it on your phone or tablet to follow along. Announcements are televised or found on our website.

Be creative how you worship and remember God during this time. It will calm your soul, give you peace and enliven your spirit.

> Our community gathers in unity with others in-person and a virtual way. We hope all people find it easy to follow along.

<u>GOD GATHERS US</u>

Announcements are found on our website

PRELUDE Blessed is He Who Thinks on Jesus

We invite you to read/respond to the texts, pray the prayers, using this as a meditation guide all week long.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

All: Amen.

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord.

All: Amen.

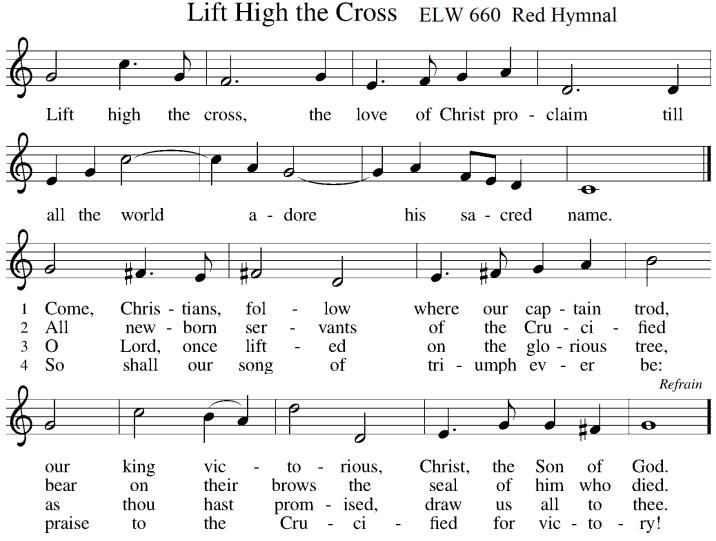
P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

OPENING SONG

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660 Red Hymnal



Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947

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GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

All: And also with you.

P: Let us pray... O God,

C: 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.

SHARING OF PEACE

P: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you.

C: And you also.

Share the peace with each other either by a wave or a bow.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING:

Hebrews 5:5-10

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

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.

P: Word of God; Word of Life. All: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR: God So Loved the World

(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John All: Glory to you O Lord

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

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: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to You O Christ!**

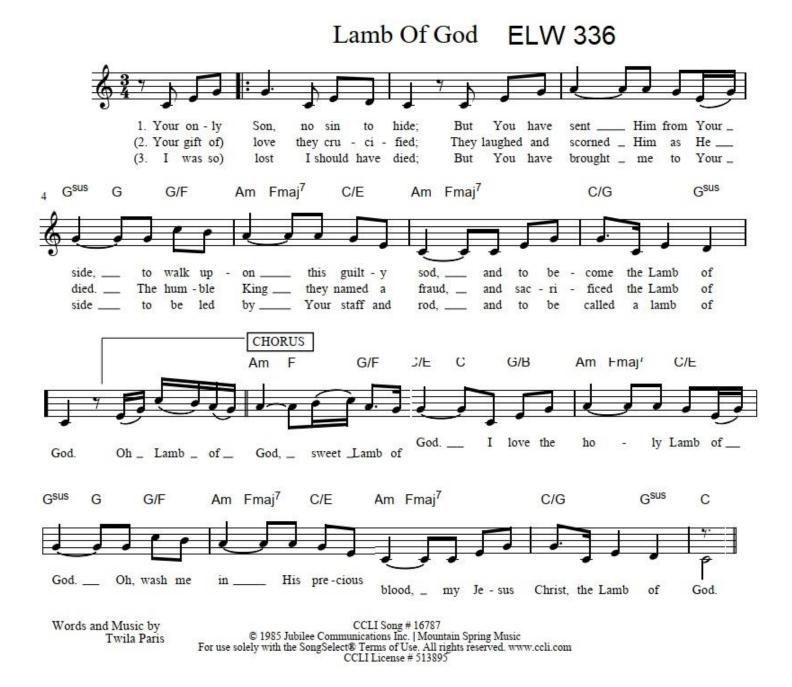
MESSAGE FOR ALL

Pastor David Mercurio

SONG OF DAY

Lamb of God

ELW 336 Red Hymnal



APOSTLES' CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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 power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and 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, and he will come to judge the living and 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,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING IS WELCOMED

P: Jesus,

C: you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

(An offering will be taken after the prayer.)

Offertory Music

Loaves were Broken, Words were Spoken

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

See list of those Grace is currently praying for at end of this document or online. Please let us know your prayer needs.



Please respond accordingly

P: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the wellbeing of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

P: God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us. Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them in the Spirit's love.

P: Let us give thanks to our Triune God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O God. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his Holy Supper.

P: WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ALL: 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

P: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God**

TAKE AND EAT OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion hymns:

Christ, the Life of All the Living ELW 339 Red Hymnal Christ, the Life of All the Living ELW 339 the liv-ing, Christ, the death of Christ, the life of all 1 death, our foe. You have suf-fered great af - flic-tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly, 2 Then, for all that bought my par-don, for the sor-rows deep and 3 sore. Christ, your - self for me once giv-ing to the dark-est depths of woe: ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly a - tone for me; to e the gar-den, I will thank you for the an - guish in ev - er - more; through your suf-f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal Ι in - her - it. tor-ment-ed that my doom should be pre-vent-ed. vou chose to be for you for the groan-ing, sigh-ing, for the bleed-ing and the dy - ing. thank Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you. Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to vou. for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the Cross of Jesus ELW 338 Be - neath the cross to take my of Je sus Ι long stand: 1 Je - sus, my 2 Up - on the cross of at times can eye see 3 Ι take. 0 cross, your shad - ow a - bid - ing place; for my 0. the shad - ow of might-y rock with - in land, a а wea - ry suf - fered there for the ver - y dy - ing form of one who me. no oth - er sun-shine than the sun - shine of his Ι ask face: d' home with-in a а wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way, And from my con-trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess: con - tent to let the world go know no gain nor by, to loss, from the burn - ing of the noon-tide heat and bur-dens of the day. un-wor-thi - ness. the . . . won - der of his glo-rious love and my my... sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross. Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869 Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Generous God,

C: at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

All: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing	ELW 545 Red Hymnal
Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing ELW 545	
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra	ess-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace; - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound. Il us from our strug-gling pil - grim way,
May the fruits of your sal - va	ss-ing, tri-umph in re - deem-ing grace. - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ill us, glad your sum-mons to o - bey.
Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith- May we ev - er, may we ev -	-ful to your truth may we be found.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt. Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

GOD SENDS US

BLESSING

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and + give you peace.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share your bread.

All: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Be Strong in the Lord

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ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34 A new covenant written on the heart Psalm 51:1-12 Create in me a clean heart, O God. (*Ps. 51:10*) Psalm 119:9-16 (alternate) I treasure your promise in my heart. (*Ps. 119:11*)

3/17/24 ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP MASKING-Update We have been sitting at a social distance as we have felt comfortable in the sanctuary. Please continue Masking at your comfort level.

ALTAR FLOWERS There will be no flowers on the altar for Lent.

THE 2024 FLOWER CHART is up and on the wall in the Gathering Room. The price for 2024 will be \$20.

REBECCA CIRCLE FRONTIER SOUP SALE-every week. See display in Narthex.

REBECCA CIRCLE LUNCHEON & MTG Will be held in the Grace room (due to primary day voting in Fellowship Hall) on March 19th at 12:30pm. Please RSVP to Kathy Hooey, 630-341-2293 or Jan Docherty, 630-292-3122

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP Will be held at on March 28th, 7pm at Grace

GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY WORSHIP Will be held on March 29th, 7pm at Lily Lake Congregational Church

EASTER EGG HUNT at 10:30am on Sat., March 30th at Lily Lake Park. Volunteers can help stuff eggs or help keep watch over the kids the day of the event at the park next to Lily Lake Village Hall. If you are interested in donating candy, please drop it off at the Village Hall during the weekday. Please see Kelly Diehl for more info.

EASTER WORSHIP Will be at Grace on March 31st at 9:30am

EASTER BREAKFAST will be held at Grace between 8:30am – 11:30am. Please see Grace's webpage for more info: <u>www.graceoflilylake.com</u>

SPAGHETTI SUPPER will be in Fellowship Hall on Sat., April 13th from 4pm-7pm.

LINE DANCING continues on Wednesdays, from 6 – 7pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Sunday school meets TODAY and continues on the first and third Sundays of the month through May 2024.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES Our last Lenten bible study will be this Wednesday, March 20th at noon (with soup lunch), led by Pastor David. See Grace webpage for more info www.graceoflilylake.com.

LECTORS ARE NEEDED for readings during our service. Please look for the clipboard. Thank you for your assistance in our service.

NOISY OFFERING We collect a Noisy Offering whenever you wish to empty your change purse or pockets! Our next project we are collecting for is for our office copier repair or replacement. Thank you for your support!

BRIDGE TO LIFE DONATIONS The Vision Team has approved the Noisy Offering collections for the remaining Sundays in March, will go towards a contribution to an *Eagle project* - new fire pit/seating area at Grace. *Thank you for your generous donations!*

OFFERINGS & FAITHFUL GIVING FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE

We are thankful for your 2024 offerings and donations. Offerings collected last week= \$2,860. Our weekly donation needs are ~ \$3,400. Blessings to all for your support of Grace. ~ Blessings upon Grace in our 130th year of ministry ~

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH

- * God's Church in all time and place, that God be seen and heard.
- * As we face these times both together and while apart, keep us from fear, suffering and death.
- * Ministries of the ELCA and Metro Chicago Synod, especially Bishop Yehiel Curry.
- * Efforts of Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger, and Disaster Relief

FOR THE WORLD

- * For every living person facing the threat of coronavirus it affects us all, our loved ones and our worldwide neighbors together.
- * For the healing of the divisions in our Nation.

FOR OUR CONGREGATION

- * For God's Spirit to guide the Vision Team, and whole congregation as we face transition and change.
- * As we plan regarding the future of our congregation.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (members, relatives, and friends of members of our congregation)

- * Adam & Julia Sajdak, grandson & granddaughter in law of Bill and Lori U'Ren
- * Nathan Sajdak, grandson of Bill and Lori U'Ren
- * William Delmer, grandson of Kirk and Kathy Hooey
- * David Brazee, Grandson of Steve and Cathy Lindquist

(If you know of someone currently serving our country, please share their information with the Church office.)

FOR ALL

- * The continued support of our members
- * For all members of healthcare around the world
- * For those serving as first responders and in the military
- * For our Nation, that extend peace in all things.

FOR THOSE SICK IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT... Andrew Kinsel and his family in Ukraine, Bob Acker, Fred Alstadt, Barb Asher, Joanna Alverado/Klaus, Vicki Barclay, Aina Baumanis, Makenzie Bay, Viola Bradshaw, Jim (brother of Rita Burnham), **Patrick Curley (brother of Cathy Lindquist)**, Jane Cutler, Ken Deutschmann, Alexa Diehl, Natalia Diehl, David Diehl (Kelly's cousin), Jan Docherty, Rebecca Eagen, Ted Ellingsen, Pat Eineke, Marge Granquist, Lucille Hammers (Cathy Lindquist's sister), Joyce Helander and Jim Serafin, Howard (friend of Alexa Diehl), Rich Jackson, Manfred Kaufmann, Paul and Kay Kinsel, Bob Koehling, Katie Kozeva, Pastor Dave and Carol Langseth, Ray Larsen, Gay Leslie, Pat and Chili Lindgren, Cathy Lindquist, Sherry Manke, Janelle

McDonald, Joan Mortenson, Linda Mowers (sister-in-law to Pat Lindgren), Ray Navarro, Bob Nelson, Alaina Neufeld, Ed Nordwind, Oksana & her sister Maria (friends of Natalia Diehl), Donald Overby, Carol Prevenas, Kirk Reardon, Nancy and John Schaefer, John Schnaitman, Tia Thorne, Shirley and Norm Turner, Crystal Vines, Cordelia Vogel, Pastor Arne Walker, Kristy Weydert, Wayne Whiteside, Kelly Wilken & her family (Missy Barton's sister), Ron & Sharon Wilken (Missy Barton's parents), Bud Wise, & Barbara Zegiel.

Our thoughts and prayers to the Morris family on the passing of George Morris on Feb. 27th. Memorial will be at Grace on March 30th visitation 1-3pm with Service following at 3pm

Our thoughts and prayers to the Klingner family on the death of Marlene Klingner on Mar. 13th. Visitation will be at Yurs St. Charles on March 24th from 1-4pm with a funeral there on March 25th at 10:30am.

If you have requested that anyone (including yourself) be put on Grace's prayer list, thank you for your faith in our work of prayer! In order to keep our list current and accurate, we would like to hear from you regarding the need for continued prayer, praises and new requests. You may place these in a note in the offering plate, leave them on the answering machine at church (630-365-6751) or speak with Pastor or Kathy Hooey. Aren't we blessed to have a God who listens and cares!

ALSO - Do you know someone who could use a reminder of our prayers and God's constant love? We have lovely **prayer shawls** all ready for delivery. Just see a Rebecca Circle member.

Please let us know your prayer requests for inclusion in our public prayers. Type them in the comments or send them to the church office via our prayer card on our website.

