

The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024
9:30am Worship & Communion

The Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

* **Confession & Forgiveness** p. 94-96

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

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God, C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

* **Gathering Hymn #856**

“How Great Thou Art”

* **Greeting** p. 147 *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.*

* **Kyrie** p. 147 *P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy.*

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C: Amen.

* **This is the Feast** p. 149

* **The Prayer of the Day** *(all pray)* Father in heaven, as we walk together, on the road to the cross, during the season of Lent, we pray that the Holy Spirit will fill our hearts, with a desire to know Jesus, more deeply than we have ever known him before. Set our hearts on fire, so that our lives may bear witness to the world, about the love of Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

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, ³² not 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. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those 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. ³⁴ And 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.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 51:1-12

L: **51** *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.*

C: ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

L: ³ *For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.*

C: ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

L: ⁵ *Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

C: ⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

L: ⁷ *Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

C: ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

L: ⁹ *Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.*

C: ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

L: ¹¹ *Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.*

ALL: ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10

5 So 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”;

6 as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

7 In 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. **8** Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.

9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

10 being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

* **Gospel Acclamation** p. 151

* **Gospel Announcement**

* Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **The Gospel Lesson: John 8:2-11**

²Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. ³The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst ⁴they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. ⁵Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" ⁶This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. ⁷And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" ¹¹She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Hymn #185 (TOSB sing twice)

"Something Beautiful"

The Sermon "The Grace And Mercy of Jesus"

Pastor William Shields

(sermon text: John 8:2-11)

* **Apostle's Creed** p. 105

The Hymn of the Day #595

"Jesus Loves Me"

Offering

* **Offering Response #186**

Prayers

* **Words of Institution**

* **The Lord's Prayer** p. 154 **C: 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.**

Communion

In the Lord's Supper, we believe that Jesus is truly present in this meal to share His forgiveness and grace. All who share our faith are welcome. Communing children should hold their hand out to receive the bread. Cross arms in front to receive a blessing. Come down the center aisle to receive the bread from Pastor, an assistant on either side will serve the wine or white grape juice. Return to your seats using the side aisles.

During Communion, please join in singing ELW hymns # 514, 532, 536, 542.

* **Blessing**

* **Benediction**

* **Sending Hymn #547**

"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

* **Dismissal** *P:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Announcements:

Weekly Events:

Mon. Mar. 18 6:30pm – Gideon’s Dinner Mtg.
Tues. Mar. 19 7:00am – Jr. High Study
9:30am – Rebekah Circle
3:00pm – Lydia Circle
Wed Mar 20 6:30am – Men’s Bible Study
7:00am – Sr. High Bible Study
11:00am – Pastor’s Bible Study
5:30pm – Soup Supper
1:00pm – Prayer Group
6:00pm – Choir Practice
NO Confirmation
7:00pm – Lenten Service
Thurs Mar 21 1:00pm – Quilters
6:00pm – Pastor’s Bible Study
Sat Mar 23 7:00am – Gideon’s Prayer meeting
**Sunday, March 24 – 9:30 am Palm Sunday Worship
Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship**

FEB. FOOD CHALLENGE

We Won!

1st Lutheran – 955 lbs.

New Hope – 433 lbs.

People’s Church – 355 lbs.

Presbyterian – 148 lbs.

Total 1891 lbs.

Our church alone provided 796 meals.

**All together these 4 churches provided 1,576
meals to households served by the Food Pantry.
The community won!**

Lenten Services

Mar. 20

Soup Supper 5:30 pm

Lenten Service 7:00 pm

**Please sign up to bring soup or
help in the kitchen.**

Lutheran World Relief

“A Season of Hope”

The last two weeks of Lent, we
will be collecting wide tooth
combs March 17 & 24.

OWLS WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday

March 28th

1:30pm

Cookie Fellowship to follow.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you haven’t directed your 2023

Choice Dollars, you have until

March 31st.

“A Night to Remember”

Special Needs Prom

Coming on April 20th

At the BC Metro Center

Talk to Dianne Van Drew if you ca

help in any way.