

Welcome to Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Pastor Don Short

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

## **GATHERING AND WELCOME**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,  
The keeper of the covenant,  
The source of steadfast love,  
Our rock and our redeemer

**Amen.**

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.)*

Fountain of living water,

**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 love.**

**Amen.**

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of Jesus Christ, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

**Amen**

## Gathering Hymn~~Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery~~ELW #334

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.

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.

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.

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## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### THE GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE~~~~ELW #147

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy**

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

**Lord, have mercy**

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.

**Lord, have mercy**

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

**Lord have mercy**

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## 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.**

## READINGS

### *A reading from Exodus 20:1-7*

1 Then God spoke all these words: 2 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; 3 you shall have no other gods before me. 4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, 6 but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. 7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

8 Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. 9 For six days you shall labour and do all your work. 10 But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. 11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

12 Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

13 You shall not murder.

14 You shall not commit adultery.

15 You shall not steal.

16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

17 You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

**The Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

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Let us read Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup> **The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.**

<sup>2</sup> Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

<sup>3</sup> **There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;**

<sup>4</sup> yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

<sup>5</sup> **which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.**

<sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.

<sup>7</sup> **The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;**

<sup>8</sup> the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

<sup>9</sup> **the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.**

<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

<sup>11</sup> **Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.**

<sup>12</sup> But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

<sup>13</sup> **Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.**

<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

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A reading from 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save

those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

**The Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**OR**  
During Lent:  
S 151b  
Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel according to John 2:13-22

**Glory to you O Lord**

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making 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. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After 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.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### ***Hymn of the Day*~~“Change My Heart, O God” ELW #801**

**Change my heart, O God,  
Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God,  
May I be like You.**

**You are the potter,  
I am the clay,  
Mold me and make me,  
This is what I pray.**

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## **APOSTLE’S 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, 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Hear us O God ....

Your mercy is great.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

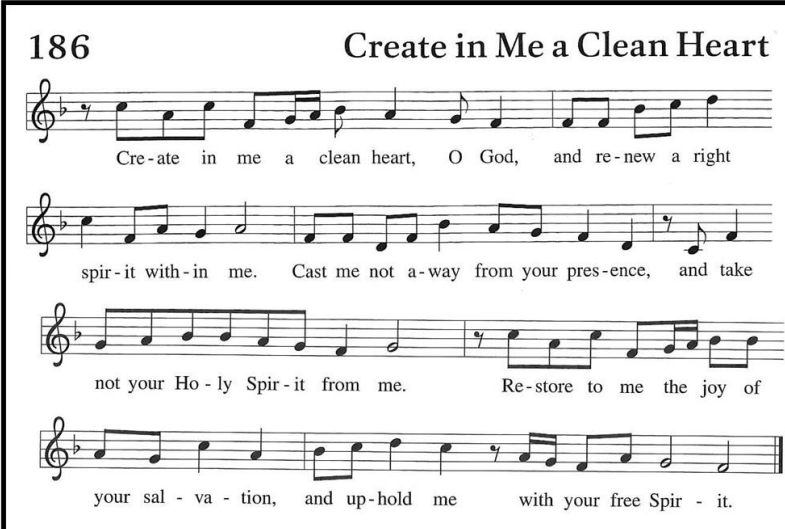
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

## GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY HYMN

186                      Create in Me a Clean Heart



The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Create in Me a Clean Heart'. It consists of four staves of music in a single system, with lyrics written below each staff. The music is in a 3/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.'

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Faithful God,

You walk beside us in desert places,

And meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.

Accompany us in this meal,

That we may pass over from death to life

With Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING~~ELW pg 152

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### *Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **WORDS OF INSITUATION**

#### **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**

### ***DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION***



## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God of steadfast love,  
At this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world.  
Send us in the power of your Spirit,  
That our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior  
and Lord.  
Amen.

## **POST COMMUNION HYMN~~ Christ, The Life of All The Living~~ELW #339 v1 only**

Christ, the life of all the liv-ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe  
Christ, your-self for me once giv-ing to the dark-est depths of woe;  
through your suf-f'ing, death, and mer-it life e-ter-nal I in-her-it  
Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks are due, dear-est Je-sus, un-to you.

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## **BENEDICTION**

May the Lord Bless you and keep you  
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you  
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

## **SENDING HYMN~~ Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing~~ELW #807**

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry bless-ing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mer-cy, ne-ver ceas-ing,  
Call for songs of loud-est praise.  
While the hope of end-less glo-ry  
Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ev-er to a-dore thee;  
May I still thy good-ness prove.

Here I raise my Eb-en-e-zer;  
“Hith-er by thy help I’ve come”;  
And I hope, by thy good plea-sure,  
Safe-ly to ar-rive at home.  
Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger,  
Wan-d’ring from the fold of God;  
He, to res-cue me from dan-ger,  
In-ter-posed his pre-cious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debt-or  
 Dai-ly I'm con-strained to be;  
 Let that grace now like a fet-ter  
 Bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.  
 Prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it;

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Confirmation will meet March 10 at 5:30

It was decided by that due to the possibility of issues with Covid-19 that it would be best not to have a tour of Pet Rescue at this time.

All midweek Lenten message will be available online this year. Please check the church webpage each Wednesday for the midweek message. Thank you.

For Lent this year, we will be collecting personal care kits. There has been a plea through the ELCA for these kits. What is needed for these kits is:

PERSONAL CARE KITS	Items for Personal Care Kits
<p><b>SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for Kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.</li> <li>• Bath towels vary in size. The 52" X 27" size listed in the guidelines is the maximum size. 20" x 40" is a good guideline for a minimum size.</li> <li>• Please give new items only.</li> <li>• Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.</li> <li>• Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.</li> <li>• Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.</li> <li>• All items should be new and in good condition.</li> <li>• Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.</li> </ul> <p><b>INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT</b></p> <p><b>ONE</b> light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended</p> <p><b>TWO</b> or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping</p> <p><b>ONE</b> adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging*</p> <p><b>ONE</b> sturdy comb, remove packaging</p> <p><b>ONE</b> metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging</p> <p>* Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap</p>	 <p>1. One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20 x 40" and 52 x 27"), dark color recommended.</p> <p>2. Two or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8-9 oz., any brand in original wrapping</p> <p>3. One adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging.</p> <p>4. One sturdy comb, remove packaging.</p> <p>5. One metal nail clippers (attached the optional), remove packaging.</p> <p>Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-envelope, no plastic bags or wrap.</p>
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**When we have gathered all our kits at the end, the Sunday School children will put them together and the adults will pack them in boxes and get them mailed.**

**THE DISMISSAL**

**Go in peace. Share the good news!**

Thanks be to God!

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