

Welcome to Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 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~~Lamb of God~~ELW #336

Your on-ly Son, no sin to hide.
But you have sent him from your side
To walk up-on this guilt-y sod
And to be-come the Lamb of God.

Refrain

**O Lamb of God, Sweet Lamb of God,
I love the ho-ly Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your pre-cious blood,
My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

Your gift of love we cru-ci-fied.
We laughed and scorned him as he died.
The hum-ble King we named a fraud
And sac-ri-ficed the Lamb of God.

Refrain

I was so lost, I should have died,
But you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

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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

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.

READINGS

A reading from Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 The 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Let us read Psalm 51:1-12

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

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

⁴ Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgement.

⁵ **Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.**

⁶ You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

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

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

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

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

¹¹ **Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

A reading from Hebrews 5:5-10

So also Christ 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’; as he says also in another place, ‘You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.’

In 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. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Hymn of the Day~~Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land~~ELW #333

Refrain

**Jesus is a rock in a weary land,
a weary land, a weary land;
My Jesus is a rock in a weary land,
a shelter in the time of storm.**

**No one can do like Jesus, not a mumbling word he said;
he went walking down to Lazarus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.**

Refrain

**When Jesus was on earth, the flesh was very weak;
he took a towel and girded himself
and he washed his disciples feet.**

Refrain

**Yonder comes my Savior, him whom I love so well;
he has the palm of victory and the keys of death and hell.**

Refrain

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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

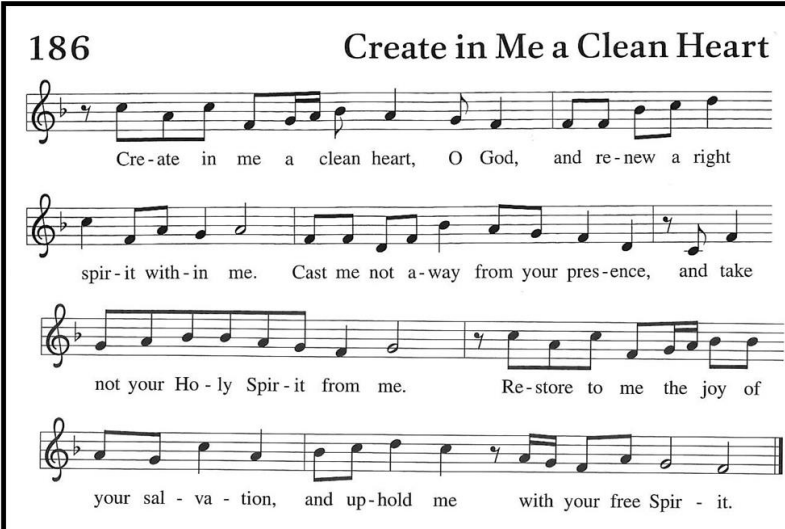
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 7/8 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line. 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 INSITUION

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

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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~~God Be With You Till We Meet Again~~ELW #536

God be with you till we meet a-gain:
By good counsels guide, up-hold you.
With a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet a-gain.

Till we me-et, till we me-et,
till we meet at Je-sus' feet;
till we me-et, till we me--et,
God be with you till we meet again.

**God be with you till we meet a-gain;
Ho-ly wings se-cure-ly hide you,
Dai-ly man-na still pro-vide you;
God be with you till we meet a-gain.**

**Till we me-et, till we me-et,
till we meet at Je-sus' feet;
till we me-et, till we me--et,
God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet a-gain;
When life's pe-rils thick con-found you,
put un-fail-ing arms a-round you;
God be with you till we meet a-gain.**

**Till we me-et, till we me-et,
till we meet at Je-sus' feet;
till we me-et, till we me--et,
God be with you till we meet again.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation will meet March 23 at 5:30; please confirmation students get your sermon notes into the pastor.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday~~March 28 at 10 am

Maundy Thursday~~April 1 at 7 pm in the church

Good Friday~~On-line service only

Easter~~April 4 at 10 am with Fellowship hour before church, 9-10 am.

Easter Egg Hunt:

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news!

Thanks be to God!

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Lectionary Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1—15:47