

Welcome to Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021

## **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.**

## **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**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Sovereign God, you have established your rule in human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession to those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **READINGS**

#### **A reading from Isaiah 50:4-9a**

<sup>4</sup> The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,<sup>2</sup>  
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backwards.

<sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

<sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

<sup>9</sup> It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?  
All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

**The Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

**Let us read Psalm 31:9-16**

**<sup>9</sup> Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.**

<sup>10</sup> For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery,<sup>2</sup> and my bones waste away.

**<sup>11</sup> I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror<sup>2</sup> to my neighbours, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.**

<sup>12</sup> I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.

**<sup>13</sup> For I hear the whispering of many— terror all around!— as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.**

<sup>14</sup> But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, ‘You are my God.’

**<sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.**

<sup>16</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

**A reading from Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was<sup>2</sup> in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**The Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**OR**  
During Lent:

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 *John 12:12-16*  
Glory to you O Lord

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!’

<sup>14</sup>Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

<sup>15</sup> ‘Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!’

<sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

**This is the Gospel of our Lord.**  
Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

## **Hymn of the Day~~Ride On, Ride On in Majesty~~ELW #346**

Ride on, ride on in maj-es-ty!  
Hear all the tribes ho-san-na cry;  
O Sav-ior meek, your road pur-sue  
With palms and scat-tered gar-ments strewed.

Ride on, ride on in maj-esty! In low-ly pomp  
ride on to die.  
O Christ, your tri-umphs now be-gin o'er  
cap-tive death and con-querred sin.  
Ride on, ride on in maj-esty! The hosts of  
an-gels in the sky lok down sad and won-d'ring  
eyes to see the ap-proach-ing sac-ri-fice.

Ride on, ride on in maj-es-ty! In low-ly pomp  
ride on to die, bow your meek head to  
mor-tal pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r  
and reign.

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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**

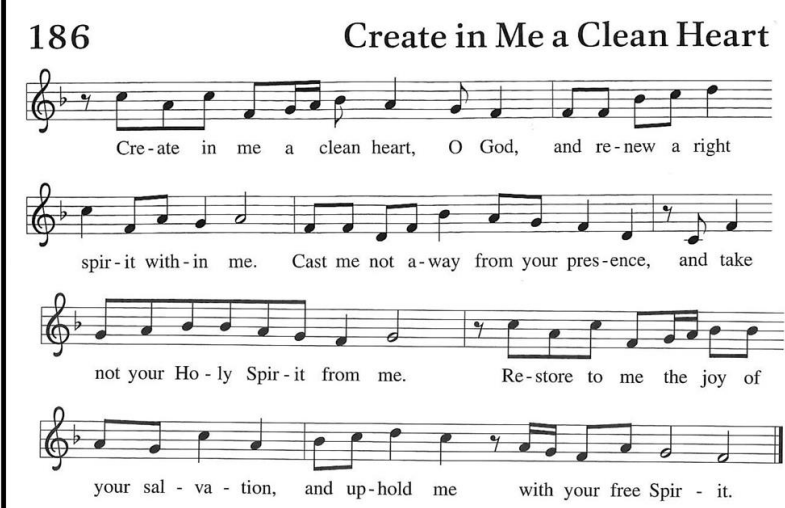
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

## **GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **OFFERATORY HYMN**

186                      Create in Me a Clean Heart



The musical score is written on four staves 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 melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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*

S 153

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~~Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross~~ELW #335**

Je-sus, keep me near the cross,  
There's a pre-cious foun-tain:  
Free to all, a healing stream  
Flows from Cal-v'ry's moun-tain.  
In the cross, in the cross be my glo-ry ev-er;  
Till my ran-somed soul shall find  
rest be-yond the riv-er.



Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
Love and mer-cy found me;  
There the bright and morn-ing star  
Sheds its beams a-round me.  
In the cross, in the cross be my glo-ry ev-er;  
Till my ran-somed soul shall find  
rest be-yond the riv-er.

Near the cross ! O Lamb of God,  
bring its scenes be-fore me;  
Help me walk from day to day  
with its shad-ow o'er me.  
In the cross, in the cross be my glo-ry ev-er;  
Till my ran-somed soul shall find  
rest be-yond the riv-er.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait,  
Hop-ing, trust-ing ev-er;  
Till I reach the gold-en strand  
Just be-yond the riv-er.  
In the cross, in the cross be my glo-ry ev-er;  
Till my ran-somed soul shall find  
rest be-yond the riv-er.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

## **Holy Week Schedule**

**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: 9:30**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

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

Thanks be to God!

## Lectionary Readings for Next Sunday

**Acts 10:34-43**

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

**1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

**Mark 16:1-8**

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