

Holy Cross Lutheran
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 21, 2021



AS WE GATHER As we recall our Lord's Passion in the coming weeks, we will recognize that love means forgiving, giving oneself for others. Jesus puts it bluntly in the Gospel: The greatest in the kingdom of God is the one who serves all the others. And, of course, the greatest is our Lord Jesus, who loves us to death. Faith is tested in our Gospel when Jesus tells them exactly what will happen as He will bear the cross.

† IN DOMINE JESU †

(In the Name of Jesus)

PRELUDE

WELCOME "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." *Psalm 118:24*

GATHERING HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

LSB 700 vs. 1-2

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.

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INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Jeremiah 31:31, 33; Mark 10:43-44

P: The days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant.

C: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.

P: And I will be their God,

C: and they shall be My people.

P: Whoever would be great among you must be your servant,

C: and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Jeremiah 31:34; Hebrews 5:9

P: Bearing our sins and in need of a Savior, let us go to our heavenly Father, asking for forgiveness. Most merciful, heavenly Father, You promised a covenant written on Your people's hearts.

C: But we do not always rely on Your promises and great love. We are sorry.

P: Gracious Holy Spirit, through Your use of Word and Sacrament, many people know the Lord.

C: But we have not taken advantage of every opportunity to share Your Word with others. We are sorry.

P: Jesus taught that the greatest in the Kingdom is the servant of all.

C: But our hearts have not always been humble and eager for service. We are sorry. Our thoughts, words, and deeds fall short. As fallen sinners, we are helpless to change. For Jesus' sake, forgive us, and give us new and clean hearts to love You and serve our neighbors.

P: God promised in the new covenant, "I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." In the sacrifice of Himself, Jesus, being perfect, "became the source of eternal salvation." As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

LSB 700 vs. 3-4

3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together: **Heavenly Father, who has revealed to us Your great love in Christ our Savior and written Your covenant on our hearts, grant us such faith that our daily joy is in sharing Your love in what we think, say, and do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

† THE LIVING WORD †

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:31–34

(A new covenant is coming, written on people's hearts.)

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, ³²not 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴And 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."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Hebrews 5:1–10

(Jesus was both one-time priest and sacrifice, dying for all.)

¹For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So 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"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." ⁷In 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. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

Mark 10:45

Even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

(Jesus teaches about true greatness is to serve one another and not to Lord it over another.)

P: ³²And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴And they will mock him and spit on him and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise." ³⁵And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to [Jesus] and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴²And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way"

LSB 857



1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -
 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But
 3 No gold - en scept - ter but a towel You
 4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor
 5 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -
 pow'r You laid a - side. You lived Your years in
 place with - in the hands Of those who seek to
 count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the
 ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.
 ser - vant - hood; In low - li - ness You died.
 fol - low You And live by Your com - mands.
 mean - est task That waits the gift of love.
 get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.

SERMON

“Serve Instead of Self-Serve”

⁴²And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:42-45

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

† CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER †

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(In preparation for the Lord’s supper, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us)*

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.

THE PREPARATION *(please take your communion vessel in hand for our Lord’s Words of Institution)*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and after giving thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also after supper, He took the cup, and after giving thanks He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this is My † blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also, with you.**

ONE BODY IN CHRIST *(As brothers and sisters in Christ, as one body we communion with the invitation of the following words)*

P: Take and eat this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ given into death for all your sin.

P: Take and drink this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sin.

P: The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast, in the true faith, to life everlasting. Know that His peace, joy, love and forgiveness is yours now and forever. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray together, **We give thanks to You, gracious God, that You have refreshed us in body and spirit through the gift of this Sacrament, and we implore You that of Your mercy, You would strengthen us to share Your covenantal blessings in love with the people we encounter each day; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with His favor and † give you peace. **C: Amen.**

SONG OF SENDING

“I Will Rise”

by Chris Tomlin

DISMISSAL

Ephesians 2:10

P: Go in peace and join Jesus on His mission! **C: Amen! We will! Amen!**

† **SOLI DEO GLORIA** †

(To God be the Glory)

POST SERVICE MUSIC

reprisal

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HOLY CROSS HAPPENINGS

March 21 – March 28, 2021

WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS! Welcome to the Lord's House. God bless you as hear the Good News today of His unconditional love! Jesus promised wherever two or three are gathered in His name, His presence is there. Jesus is here! We pray and know He will bless you with faith, hope, and love for your daily life through His Word and Spirit! If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to one of our ushers or greeters.

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS – POBLO (*People of the Book Lutheran Outreach*) Missionary Nader Alaraj will be with us this Sunday in worship and Bible Study to share about immigrant ministry and the International Friendship Centers starting back up when possible this year. Please join us Sunday for worship and Bible study. We will also mention the funding part of POBLO being essential in the outreach for our communities with the Gospel, for all who do not yet know Christ as their Savior.

HANGING BASKETS ON SALE TODAY - If this week's warmer weather has turned your thoughts towards spring, the Mission Board has some fun news for you. Hanging baskets from Gene Stark's Glacial Ridge Growers, Glenwood, will be available for purchase beginning on March 14. Plants will cost \$25 and payment is requested at the time of your order. There will be a limited number available so members should plan accordingly. The sale will continue until April 18 or until all available baskets have been purchased. Baskets will be delivered to Holy Cross the Friday before Mother's Day. The fund-raiser will support food for Haiti. See the March newsletter for more information.

SOUP SUPPERS - Our last soup supper will be held Wednesday at 6:00 pm. We are taking safety measures as we come together to enjoy this fellowship opportunity. If **all** help, **all** can enjoy the soup suppers! Thank you! We will also be collecting a free will offering for PABLO support during the Lenten Soup Suppers.

Easter Breakfast will be served! We are so happy to announce we will have Easter breakfast once again. Just as we've been doing for the soup suppers on Wednesday nights, we will be serving the food as you make your choices in the buffet line. Servers will be masked and wearing gloves. Everyone will wear their masks until they are seated to eat. As in the past, we will be asking for people to sign up to bring egg dishes, meat, fruit, breakfast sweets, etc. Kitchen help and clean-up will also be needed. **Sign-up sheets are posted** on the bulletin board in the Commons. **Setup will be on Saturday, the 3rd at 10:00am.** Talk to Pam Hunter with any questions.

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY "LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM" starting Sunday April 11. Please join us for an in depth study of Luther's Six Chief Parts of the Small Catechism beginning the Sunday after Easter. We plan to use the 2017 newer Catechism that has new updates in teaching about the cultural context we now have in our country and world. The updates in the Catechism can help benefit our young people learn to understand the Spiritual battle going on in our world and how the Word of God in Christ keeps them in the one true faith in Jesus and how to apologetically help others come to know the truth of the true Savior of the world. Please sign up in the fellowship hall if you would like a 2017 Edition of the Small Catechism in hardback or Spiral bound with note options. The Hardback is \$16 a copy. Cost TBA about the Spiral bound and note section. We hope to offset the costs with a Thrivent grant we are looking into.

INFORMAL PRAYER TIME – We will continue the informal time of prayer at Holy Cross on Wednesday evenings after the Lenten service until 8:00 pm in the sanctuary.

MCKENNA VISITING UPDATE – Please pick up a visitation guideline for McKenna crossing if interested in visiting Lohart, please call McKenna Crossing’s office after reading the guidelines to schedule your appointment.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated today. Our belief and practice is Confessional. Jesus clearly teaches He is truly present in His supper in the bread and wine. We receive miraculously, in the gift of faith, His true body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. If this is your confession and you have been baptized and confirmed in our church body, please commune with us. If you have questions about communing, please wait to commune until receiving instruction in one of our communion classes. Thank you.

SERVING TODAY - SUNDAY MARCH 21, 2021 9:00 AM

Elder/Communion Brit Weimer
Lector: Michele Lein
Ushers: Dave Albrecht
Acolyte: Morgan Schulze
AV: Jason Eickhoff
Offering Counters: Wendy Fitzwater & Doug Schulze

SERVING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021 7:00 PM

Elder/Communion Dave Albrecht
Lector: Pam Hunter

Ushers: Jon Dobberstein
Acolyte: Colin Kruse
AV: Rostina Vannett
Offering Counters: Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

SERVING SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021 9:00 AM

Elder/Communion Jon Dobberstein
Lector: Robert Nowak
Ushers: Denny Case
Acolyte: Blake Dobberstein
AV: Vivian Jobst
Offering Counters: Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

**CHURCH OFFICE REPORTS
RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE**

Contributions needed/month (General Fund): \$20,928.50 Contributions received in January \$20,837.57

SUNDAY, March 14, 2021 ATTENDANCE

Worship:	40	Drive-up Communion:	5
Communion:	38	Bible Class:	16
Zoom:	17	Sunday School:	8 kids & 2 teachers

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021 ATTENDANCE

Worship: 22

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

Sun.	March 21	Fifth Sunday in Lent
	9:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion also via Zoom
	10:00 am	Bible Study - Nader
	10:15-10:45 am	Drive-Up Communion
Mon.	March 22	
	5:30 pm	Elder/Leader Meeting zoom
Tue.	March 23	
	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study
Wed.	March 24	
	12:00 pm	Happenings Articles Due
	6:00 pm	Lent Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
	7:40 pm	Informal Prayer in Sanctuary
Thurs.	March 25	
Fri.	March 26	
	9:30 am	Cleaning Crew
Sat.	March 27	
Sun.	March 28	PALM SUNDAY
	9:00 am	Worship W/ Holy Communion also via Zoom
	10:00 am	Pre-catechism Martin Luther film
	10:15 am	Drive-Up Communion



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