

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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Bethany's Mission Statement: Reaching out in Worship, Fellowship, Learning and Love - we are God's people.

We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning. We hope everyone feels welcome as we strive to serve and strengthen each other in faith toward God and in love toward all. Now, as you wait for the service to begin, please relax, enjoy the music, and quiet your heart before God.

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ELW indicates that hymns or liturgy are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship-red hymnal

PRELUDE

Welcome, Announcements, Celebration Bank

(money given to Human Concerns Fund)

We Gather to Acknowledge God's Presence

(Please stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

ELW Hymn 335


GREETING

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


Refrain




Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: **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.

We Listen to God's Word

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹The 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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 119:9-16

- L: How shall the young keep their way clean?
By keeping to your word.
- C: With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not stray from your commandments.**
- L: I treasure your promise in my heart,
that I may not sin against you.
- C: Blessed are you, O LORD;
instruct me in your statutes.**
- L: With my lips I recite
all the judgments of your mouth.
- C: I take greater delight in the way of your decrees
than in all manner of riches.**
- L: I will meditate on your commandments
and give attention to your ways.
- C: My delight is in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:5-10

A reading from Hebrews.

⁵Christ 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”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

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

⁷In 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. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

P: The Gospel according to John the 12th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

SERMON TEXT

John 12:20-33

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

SERMON

“Dying To Live”

Pastor Pete Hagglund

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

ELW Hymn 338

We Respond to God’s Word

THE APOSTLES’ CREED *(unison)*

**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.**

(Please Stand)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

(Please be seated)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

P: Hear us, O God

C: Your mercy is great.

We Share in the Holy Meal

(Please stand)

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, the fourth has two measures, and the fifth has two measures. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,', 'heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -', 'san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -', 'est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -', and 'san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.'

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

(Please be seated)

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

DISTRIBUTION BY INDIVIDUAL GLASSES

(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

All who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to commune. Children who do not commune are welcome to come for a blessing. You will be given a wafer. The glasses of dark liquid are wine; the middle ring is juice. There is a bowl of water if you would like to remember your baptism.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “*Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow*” ELW Hymn 327

(Please stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Lord, God, you gave your Son, both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the Godly life. Enable us to receive Him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to His; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING *(unison)*

C: **May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

ELW Hymn 660

THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Missionary Support: Open
Altar Flowers: Dan & Ruth Harken- Happy 50th Anniversary!!
Remember in prayer: Genieve Hingst, Dorothy Hopson, & Joyce Timberlake

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A Cry Room for infants is available up the stairs and to the right.
There are Kids Celebrate children's bulletins available for youngsters
who'd like to have their own reference to the lessons for this week.
Ask our usher for help.

Please join us for coffee and donuts in the fellowship
hall following the worship service. We would like to
get to know you and offer our friendship.

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ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today: **Fifth Sunday in Lent**
8:00 a.m. **Church Choir Rehearsal**
9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
10:15 a.m. **Church Council Meeting**
10:55 a.m. Lutheran Church of Hope Service
5:00 p.m. Lenten Film Club @ Faith/Trinity Lutheran
showing "First Reformed"

Monday: 11:00 a.m. **Funeral service for Claus Benninghoven**
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper @ Messiah Lutheran
7:00 p.m. Holden Service @ Messiah Lutheran

Next Sunday: **Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion**
9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
10:55 a.m. Lutheran Church of Hope Service

FUNERAL FOR CLAUS BENNINGHOVEN

It is with deep sorrow that we have to announce the passing of Claus Benninghoven. Funeral service will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church on Monday, March 18 at 11:00 am with a luncheon to follow.

PARKING LOT MAINTENANCE

Property Committee will be conducting parking lot maintenance on April 5th & 6th. Volunteers are needed, the more, the merrier! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Joe Gerdes or a member of the property committee, if they are available.

TOILET PAPER DRIVE

Outreach Committee will be collecting toilet paper all month long for the homeless and disadvantaged!

FREE COOKBOOKS

The cookbooks on the table in the fellowship hall are up for grabs! If you would like one or several, please take what you would like!

WEBSITE OVERHAUL

The church is looking for someone to do a complete overhaul of our website so that it is easier to access/view on a cell phone. If you, or someone you know, are website tech savvy, please contact the office @ 319-752-3621 during office hours. Thank you!

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