

5 Lent



“Love
the LORD
your God
with all your
heart...soul
...mind and...
strength.”

Mark 12:30, NRSV



March 21, 2021

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Call to Confession

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. **C: Amen.**

P: 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)

Prayer of Confession

P: Fountain of living water,

C: 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 so love. Amen.

Forgiveness

P: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. **C: Amen.**

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.**

Prayer of the Day

P: O God,

C: 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.

Word

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.

Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

⁵¹Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."

⁵⁵"Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Reading: Psalm 33:1-9

¹Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous;
praise is fitting for the upright.

²Praise the LORD with the lyre;
make music for God with a ten-stringed harp.

³Sing for the LORD a new song;
play your instrument skillfully with joyful sounds.

⁴For your word, O LORD, is right,
and faithful are all your works.

⁵You love righteousness and justice;
your steadfast love fills the whole earth.

⁶By your word were the heavens made,
by the breath of your mouth all the hosts of heaven.

⁷You gather up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin
and store up the depths of the sea.

⁸Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe.
⁹For God spoke, and it came to pass;
God commanded, and it stood fast.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the twelfth chapter.

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

Gospel: Mark 12:18-31

¹⁸Some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, saying, ⁹Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no child, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁰There were seven brothers; the first married and, when he died, left no children; ²¹and the second married the widow and died, leaving no children; and the third likewise; ²²none of the seven left children. Last of all the woman herself died. ²³In the resurrection whose wife will she be? For the seven had married her."

²⁴Jesus said to them, "Is not this the reason you are wrong, that you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God? ²⁵For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. ²⁶And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the story about the bush, how God said to him, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? ²⁷He is God not of the dead, but of the living; you are quite wrong."

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's Message

Sermon

"God of Life"

Pastor Dave

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| <p>1 We are people created,
chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently,
in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more.
Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing,
and wholeness and more.</p> | <p>4 Now with praise and thanksgiving,
we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather
to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free!
From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water,
baptized and set free!</p> |
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Baptism of Brody Jay Eckstein (8:30 AM)

Brody is the son of Jay and Jennifer Eckstein. His baptismal sponsors are Matthew and Ashley Eckstein. May God's blessing be upon this child.

P: People of God, do you promise to support *Brody Jay Eckstein* and pray for *him* in *his* new life in Christ? **C: We do.**



PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: We renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: We renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen.

Apostles' Creed (10:30 AM)

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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 People

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Sharing God's Peace

Offertory Prayer

P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Communion

Today we celebrate Holy Communion: If you are a guest, please know you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given “for you and for all people.” Communion will be available as you leave worship. For gluten-free wafers, ask the pastors. Children not yet communing are invited to receive a blessing.

P: The Lord be with you,

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts,

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

May I think the thoughts of God.

May I speak the Good News of God.

May I know the love of God.

Sending Hymn

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

ELW #538

The Lord now sends us forth
with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth
a better place to live. *Repeat*

The angels are not sent into our world of pain
to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.
Repeat

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.



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Education Ministries Coordinator: Lindsay Medina
Business Administrator: MaryLu Anderson
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	Weekly Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Budget
3/14 General Offering	\$ 11,569.00	\$ 90,620.94	\$ 95,843.00
3/14 Building Fund	\$ 790.00	\$ 12,160.50	\$ 13,827.00
TOTAL:	\$ 12,359.00	\$ 102,781.44	\$ 109,670.00
3/14 World Hunger	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,532.00	

ATTENDANCE	8:30AM Sun.	FB Live Views	10:30AM Sun.
3/14/21	46	64	23

In Our Prayers This Week:

Russ Brown, Dixie Flitter, Marj Frederickson, Ardis Groebner, Marilyn Hudson,
 Sharon Hulke, Joyce Jobe, Dave Marsh, Brad Nicklay, Tom Postel, Keith Riser,
 Sharon Riser, Rod Roebbeke, Dave Swenson, Con Trapp, Linda Trimnell, Tom Weilage,
 and Paul Wilker