

Unfinished

Discovering God's Call in the Not Yet



Called to Regret

March 26, 2023

Gathering

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

Prelude

Hymn Sing

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn

“We are the Church”

Refrain

We are the Church,
the body of our Lord;
We are all God's children,
we have been restored.

Verse 1

The Church is not a building
where people go to pray;
It's not made out of sticks and stones,
it's not made out of clay. *Refrain*

Verse 2

You can go to worship
but you cannot go to Church;
You can't find a building that's alive
no matter how you search. *Refrain*

Verse 3

The Church is not a business,
a committee, or a board;
It's not a corporation
for the business of the Lord. *Refrain*

Verse 4

The Church, it is the people,
living out their lives
Called, enlightened, sanctified
for the work of Jesus Christ. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Prayer of Confession

P: Holy God,

C: we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.

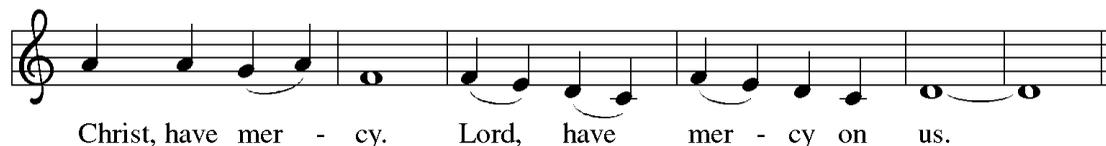
Forgiveness

P: Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **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.**

Kyrie (*Repeat twice*)



Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Anthem

“Holy Time”

Wednesday LinC†

Word

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

Reading: Psalm 130

¹Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness,**

in order that you may be feared.

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;
with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸**For the LORD shall redeem Israel
from all their sins.**

Gospel Acclamation

“Let Your Steadfast Love”



Let Your stead-fast love come to us Oh Lord.

5 Save us as you pro-mised we will trust in your word.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Let Your stead-fast love come to us Oh Lord.' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with a bass clef and a '5' indicating a fifth finger position. The lyrics 'Save us as you pro-mised we will trust in your word.' are written below this staff.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, chapter eleven.

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

Gospel: John 11:1-45

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to

death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to

weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon

"Called to Regret"

Pastor Dave

Hymn of the Day

"I'll Do My Best"

Verse 1

Love I'll love
I'll love You Lord forever
Love I'll love
I'll love You Lord forever

Chorus

I'll do my best I'll do my best
I'll do my best for You
I'll do my best I'll do my best
I'll do my best for You

Verse 2

Serve I'll serve
I'll serve You Lord forever
Serve I'll serve
I'll serve You Lord forever *Chorus*

Verse 3

Praise I'll praise
I'll praise You Lord forever
Praise I'll praise
I'll praise You Lord forever *Chorus*

Prayers of the People

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" ELW #751

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

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Sharing God's Peace

Offertory – The *Noisy Offering* today benefits Lutheran Disaster Relief.

Offertory Hymn "We Are an Offering" ELW #692

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an

of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic - es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our

lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,

all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.



Offertory Prayer

P: God of good gifts,

C: receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. 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.” For gluten-free wafers, ask the pastors. If you desire to commune while seated, please sit near an aisle and let an usher know. We will bring communion to you. Children not yet communing are invited forward to receive a blessing. If you would like to have grape juice instead of wine, please hold up your index finger when you reach a communion server.

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.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Communion Hymn

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

ELW #471

- 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*
- 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn

“This Little Light of Mine”

ELW #677

- 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

- 2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

- 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

Dismissal

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



Worship Schedule for **Holy Week**

Palm Sunday – April 2nd

Worship at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM
Children's Easter Egg Hunt between Services

Maundy Thursday – April 6th

Worship at 12:00 Noon and 7:00 PM
First Communion will be celebrated at 7:00 PM

Good Friday – April 7th

Worship at 12:00 Noon and 7:00 PM at Christ the King.

Easter Sunday – April 9th

Worship at 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM
The 8:30 AM service will also be Live on Facebook.



PRE-READER

Lent 5

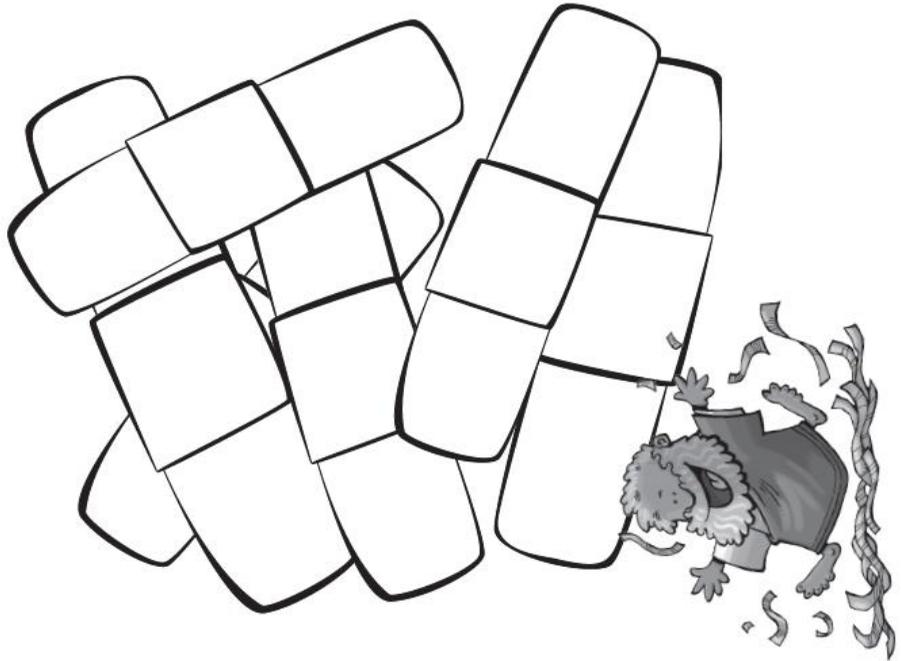
- Today is the 5th Sunday in Lent.
- The word *lent* means *spring*.
- In the spring, we celebrate *new life*.

Color the flowers along the path and the birds in the sky. Make everything colorful to celebrate that spring is coming!



Lazarus got sick and died. Jesus brought Lazarus back to life. When we're hurting or upset, Jesus can help us, too!

Use the bandages below to write or draw things that make you feel better.





Senior Pastor: Kathleen Ulland-Klinkner
Director of Music Ministry: Shannon Stuckey
Education Ministries Coordinator: Lindsay Medina
Business Administrator: Caryn Nelson
Adult Choir Director: Madeline Cacciatore-Warta
Deacons: (8:30) Linda Postel
Acolytes: (8:30) Sofie Hanson, Gracie Baker
 (10:30) Kaden Fortwengler, McKenzie Lilleodden
Communion Server: (8:30) Mary Jo Solberg
Lector: (8:30) Bert Marth
Ushers: (8:30) Ted Sauers, Jim Schmidt
P/P: (8:30)

Associate Pastor: Dave Nissen
Office Administrator: Jen Geiger
Facilities Manager: Scott Kathman
Organist/Pianist: Shannon Stuckey
A/V: Tom Kaehler
 (10:30) Karissa Fenske
 (10:30) Coryn Enck
 (10:30) Kitty Rader
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	Weekly Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Budget
3/19 General Offering	\$ 9,626.51	\$ 112,121.23	\$ 121,920.72
3/19 Building Fund	\$ 1,079.00	\$ 12,674.50	\$ 12,692.28
TOTAL:	\$ 10,705.51	\$ 124,795.73	\$ 134,613.00
3/19 World Hunger	\$ 94.00	\$ 2,534.00	

ATTENDANCE	8:30AM Sun.	10:30AM Sun.	6:30PM Wed.
3/19/23	83	131	138

In Our Prayers This Week:

Jean Anderson, Audrey Broste, Russ Brown, Dixie Flitter, Brad Haynes, Sharon Hulke, Mike Hylan, Joyce Jobe, Ken Johnson, Lyndon Jones, Mavis Jones, Ann Julien, Dave Marsh, Pam Riebe, Sharon Riser, Marion Rolloff, Ted Sauers