



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 17, Fifth Sunday of Lent

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“We are called by God to grow in faith together, sharing Christ’s love with each other and our community.”

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Welcome to Worship this morning!

To receive Holy Communion, you may come to the front and receive the bread and wine or grape juice, you may ask an usher to have the pastor bring the elements to you in the pew, or you may pick up the cup/wafer in the narthex before the service and commune yourself at your seat.

Reminder: We are videoing “live”.

If you need a hearing device, they are on the usher’s table.



God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God’s love with all the world.

For Worship today,

“Let Us Enter In” (yellow booklet)

Prelude- 9:15-9:30

First Word

“You are My Hiding Place” CCLI # 21442 -Unison 1x

You are my hiding place You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You I will trust in You When the weak say, “I am strong in the strength of the Lord.”

“Make Me a Servant” CCLI#33131

Make me a servant, humble and meek,

Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.

And may the prayer of my heart always be:

Make me a servant, make me a servant,

Make me a servant today. **(Repeat all)**

“He Who Began a Good Work in You” CCLI#15238

He who began a good work in you,

He who began a good work in you__

Will be faithful to complete it,

He’ll be faithful to complete it:

He who started the work

will be faithful to complete it in you. **(Repeat all)**

“God Will Make a Way” CCLI#2430948

God will make a way

Where there seems to be no way,
He works in ways we can-not see,
He will make a way for me.
He will be my guide,
Hold me close-ly to His side.
With love and strength for each new day,
He will make a way,
He will make a way. **(Repeat all)**

“Give Thanks” CCLI#20285

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One; Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One; Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” Let the poor say, “I am rich” Because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, “I am Strong,” Let the poor say, “I am rich” Because of what the Lord has done for us.

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“Great is the Lord” CCLI#1149

Great is the Lord He is holy and just By His power we trust In His love

Great is the Lord He is faithful and true By His mercy He proves He is love

Great is the Lord And worthy of glory Great is the Lord And worthy of praise

Great is the Lord Now lift up your voice Now lift up your voice Great is the Lord Great is the Lord

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Great are you Lord And worthy of glory Great are you Lord And worthy of praise

Great are you Lord I lift up my voice I lift up my voice Great are you Lord Great are you Lord

“My Life Flows on in Endless Song”

Red Worship Book #763

vs 1 & 2, chorus, vs 3 & 4 chorus

Welcome and Announcements
Ring of the Bells, Lighting of Candles

Pastor Deb Hanson-Carlson

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ✝ Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Invocation

in the name of God our maker (p 1, yellow book "Let Us Enter In")

Opening song

come let us worship our God (p 1, yellow book "Let Us Enter In")

Kyrie

(p 2, yellow book "Let Us Enter In")

Hymn of Praise

glory to God! (p 3, yellow book "Let Us Enter In")

Salutation

(p. 3, yellow book "Let Us Enter In")

Prayer of the Day

(p.4, yellow book "Let Us Enter In")

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.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Christie Dunkley

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

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..

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

Christie Dunkley

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

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.

Gospel Acclamation

"Return to the Lord, your God."

Red Worship Book p. 142

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Pastor Deb Hanson-Carlson

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

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.

Lord, Listen to Your Children

Red Worship Book #752

Sing while kids are coming up for children's chat and giving offerings in Garth the Giving Gator.

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Children's Chat

Pastor Deb Hanson-Carlson

Sermon

Pastor Deb Hanson-Carlson

Song "You Gave" by Jay Stocker CCLI#5194243

Lord, I want to be pleasing to you In ev'ry-thing I do.

And I want to love you more, More than yesterday, More than words can say...

'Cause you gave your life; You lived and died for me, For me.

You paid the price; You sacrificed for me, For me_.

And now the least that I can do_ Is live my life for you..... (Life my life for you.)

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And I want to love you more, More than yesterday, More than words can say...

'Cause you gave your life; You lived and died for me, For me. _ **(Repeat)**

You paid the price; You sacrificed for me, For me_.

And now the least that I can do_ Is live my life for you.

Affirmation of Faith	(p. 5, yellow book “Let Us Enter In”)
Prayers for the People of God	(p. 5, yellow book “Let Us Enter In”)
Offering of tithes and gifts	(p. 6, yellow book “Let Us Enter In”)
Offering Song	(p. 6, yellow book “Let Us Enter In”)
Offering Prayer	(p. 6, yellow book “Let Us Enter In”)
The Great Thanksgiving	(p. 7, yellow book “Let Us Enter In”)
Holy, Holy, Holy	(p. 7, yellow book “Let Us Enter In”)
Invitation and Words of Institution	(p. 8, yellow book “Let Us Enter In”)
P: Come, o people, come, let us celebrate together the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ.	
Song “We come to the hungry feast”	(p. 8, yellow book “Let Us Enter In”)
The Prayer of Christ (Lord’s Prayer)	(p. 8, yellow book “Let Us Enter In”)
The Distribution of Communion (songs)	
“Lamb of God”	(p. 10 yellow book, “Let Us Enter In”)
“Come to the Table” (sing 2x)	Red Worship Book #481
Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread. All who are hungry and thirsty, come, and your souls will be fed.	
Come at the Lord's invitation; receive from his nail-scarred hand. Eat of the bread of salvation; drink of the blood of the Lamb. (repeat both slides)	
“Lead Me, Guide Me”	Red Worship Book #768
Communion Blessing	(p. 10 yellow book, “Let Us Enter In”)
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.	
C: Amen.	
Communion Canticle	(p 10, yellow book “Let Us Enter In”)
Closing Prayer	(p.11 yellow book “Let Us Enter In”)
Blessing	(p/ 11 yellow book “Let Us Enter In”)
Sending Music “You Gave” (chorus) CCLI#5194243	
‘Cause you gave your life; You lived and died for me, For me.	
You paid the price; You sacrificed for me, For me_.	
You paid the price; You sacrificed for me, For me_.	
And now the least that I can do_ Is live my life for you.	



Thank you to Pastor Debra Hanson-Carlson for preaching.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, February 18th



*The Noisy Offering" for March: Food Shelf, there will be a bowl as you exit the church.

Prayer Concerns and Sympathy ~ Craig Moline (son of Sharol Huggett), David Shober, Larry Edin, Jerry Shober, Bradley Fairbanks, Lana Jensen, Judy Smith, and Marsha Skoog (friend of Patty Sweeney).



**For Health Care Workers, Firefighters, EMT's, those who serve to protect
Policemen and women and military.**

For world peace. For our companion synods.

For our missionaries: Jacqueline and Patrick Bencke.

Announcements/Calendar

Sun. Sun. 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship with Blood Pressure ∇ ; 9:30 am First Word Worship/HC/ Pastor Deb Hanson-Carlson preaching; Church Council; St. Patrick's Day Dinner after Worship until 12:30 pm.

Mon. **MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.**

Tues. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study.

Wed. 4:30 pm FiA Choir; 5-6:30 pm FiA; 5:30-6 Confirmation Dinner; 6 pm large group Confirmation; 6:30 Worship; 7 pm small group Confirmation; 7 pm National Mission Trip mtg. after Worship; 7:30 pm Jr. High Mission Trip mtg.

Thurs. 7 am Men's Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Men's Text Study; Out to Lunch Bunch-Crystal Bar and Grille, Mora -meet at 11 am at church to carpool.

Sat. 1-2 pm Visitation for John Seegebarth at FLC and 2 pm Funeral; 8 pm AA mtg.

Sun. 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am Palm Sunday Worship/HC/Bells; All Church Birthday Party.



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**RESCHEDULED ALL-CHURCH BIRTHDAY PARTY
BY EVANGELISM/STEWARDSHIP BOARD
SAVE THE DATE! MARCH 24, 2024**

No, it's not First Lutheran's birthday It's a celebration of all our birthdays!

There will be food, fellowship and fun, Chili, cornbread, Cake and candles and Happy Birthday wishes to all.

Everyone is invited, from infants to centenarians.

It's not a potluck, but we need a few volunteers...

More about that later!

Sunday, March 24th following worship.