



# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

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Welcome to Worship! Words in **bold** are said together.

*Welcome* – We will be sharing in Communion, please prepare bread and wine/juice.

## *Confession and Forgiveness*

*L: We gather in the Triune name of God: who gives us their Word, whose promise makes us one people, who seals us with the Spirit. C: Amen*

(Invitation to confession and moment of silence)

*L: God, we confess: we have sinned.*

**C: We have turned away from you, away from one another, into ourselves. We have allowed our love of you to be overshadowed by the fear of other things: death, suffering, weakness, and want. We do not love one another as you first loved us. Help us. Promise us that even this brokenness can be made well. Amen.**

*L: Siblings in Christ, listen to this good news: God knew of our brokenness even before we knew it ourselves, and God's promise rests on grace, not our response. Aligned with the ancient promise of a Messiah, Jesus Christ came among us, to live and die and rise again.*

*For his sake, God forgives us all our sins. For his sake, God renews all God's promises.*

*For his sake, God remakes us as the body of Christ for the sake of the world. C: Amen!*

## *Gathering Hymn – Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross #335*

1. Jesus keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain;  
free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

*Refrain:* In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

2. Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. *Refrain.*
3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. *Refrain.*
4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. *Refrain.*

## *Greeting and Prayer of the Day*

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all, and also with you.*

**O God of dying and rising seeds, plant in our hearts the seed of belonging: a promise that you shall be our God, and we will be your people. Whenever we fall short, renew that tender planting, so that at the last, its questing roots will have traced your name, your law, and your Love in the least of us to the greatest. Amen.**

## *Scripture Readings*

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### John 12:20-33

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very 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. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. <sup>27</sup>"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. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Psalms 119:9-16

<sup>9</sup>How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

**<sup>10</sup>With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.**

<sup>11</sup>I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

**<sup>12</sup>Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.**

<sup>13</sup>With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

**<sup>14</sup>I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.**

<sup>15</sup>I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.

**<sup>16</sup>I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.**

### Hebrews 5:5-10

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ 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"; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." <sup>7</sup>In 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.

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

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It 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. <sup>33</sup>But 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.

<sup>34</sup>No 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. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*Children's Message and Sermon*

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*Hymn of the Day – Restore in Us, O God #328*

1. Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;  
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.
2. O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of your pow'r,  
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives like springtime bud and flow'r.
3. Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;  
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.
4. Three-personed God fulfill the promise of your grace,  
that we, when all our searching ends, may see you face to face.

*Apostle's Creed*

**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.**

*Prayers of God's People*

Each petition ends "God of promise," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

*Offering*

- ◇ Mail: Lord of Life Lutheran, 1005 St. Nicholas Drive, North Pole, AK 99705
- ◇ Online: "giving" tab at [www.lordoflifeak.com/giving](http://www.lordoflifeak.com/giving) or the QR Code →
- ◇ Phone app: download "Give Plus Church" search by zip 99705, choose Lord of Life, and follow the easy instructions



*Offering Hymn – Change My Heart, O God #801 (sing twice)*

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true,  
change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

*Refrain:* You are the potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

**Offering Prayer – Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Receive our response to the gifts you have given us and accompany us with your faithful love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## *Communion*

*The Lord be with you, and also 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 God thanks and praise.*

\* Eat and drink together at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer.

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray,  
**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.**

## *Announcements*

- School lunch assembly for NP Elementary is back! We will assemble Thursday 3/25 at 2pm for Friday's delivery of the lunches. Next will be April 8 for April 9 delivery.
- How do you talk about your faith? Join us for Wednesday Evening Prayer (7pm in-person and on Zoom – link on our website), as we put together what we've discovered of our stories!
- Coming up on Holy Week: if you'd like to serve in worship (reading, usher, press a button for power point), please notify the church office: [office@lordoflifeak.com](mailto:office@lordoflifeak.com) or 488-6720

## *Blessing and Dismissal*

*L: Held in the promises of God, go to love and serve the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## ***Special Thanks to...***

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