

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 21, 2021 9:30 am

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

HYMN OF INVOCATION (Please Stand)

“Chief of Sinners Through I Be” LSB 611

**Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me.
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.**

**Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity!**

**Love that found me-wondrous thought-
Found me when I sought Him not**

**Only Jesus can impart
Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way Enoch trod.**

**Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with Him from earthly strife.**

**O my Savior help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word
When my wayward heart would stray
Keep me in the narrow way
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of
the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

People: (Sing) **Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true
heart and confess our sins unto God our Father,
beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Hebrews 10:22

(You are invited to kneel, or to be seated)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: (Sing) **who made heaven and earth.**

Psalm 124:8

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the
Lord,

People: (Sing) **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

Psalm 32:5

**People: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor,
miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins
and iniquities with which I have ever offended
Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal**

punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20:19-23]

People: (Sing) **Amen.**

(Please Sit)

THE FIRST READING *Jeremiah 31:31-34 ESV*

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares 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. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE *Hebrews 5:1-10 ESV*

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you” as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus^[a] offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

(Please Stand for the Gospel)

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to John, the third chapter.

People: (Sing) Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 10:32-45 ESV*

And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of

all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Reader: Here endeth the Gospel.

People: (Sing) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven. And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day, He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY (Please Sit)

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” LSB 436

**Go to dark Gethsemane
All who feel the temper’s pow’r
Your Redeemer’s conflict see
Watch with Him one bitter hour
Turn not from His griefs away
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray**

**Follow to the judgment hall
View the Lord of life arraigned
Oh the wormwood and the gall
Oh the pangs His soul sustained
Shun not suff’ring shame or loss
Learn from Him to bear the cross**

**Calv’ry’s mournful mountain climb
There adoring at His feet
Mark that miracle of time
God’s own sacrifice complete
It is finished hear Him cry
Learn from Jesus Christ to die**

**Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid His breathless clay
All is solitude and gloom
Who has taken Him away
Christ is ris’n He meets our eyes
Savior teach us so to rise**

+++ SERMON +++

“Are you sure you want THIS CUP?”

Text: *Mark 10:32-45 (The Gospel Reading)*

Theme: Are you sure you want THIS CUP?

Our Goal:

- I. This cup is the cross, which neither Jesus nor his disciples really wanted.
- II. This cup is suffering, which we really don't want.
- III. But THIS cup is the cup of salvation, which we do want.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Please remain seated)

Reader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves
and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy,
through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

(Please rise for the Lord's Prayer)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken)

**All: 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**

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Spoken by the Pastor)

THE DISTRIBUTION (Please Sit)

(See Communion policy on the front “Welcome” page of the bulletin or on the screen.)

Before approaching The Altar: (Kneel and say)

O Lord Jesus Christ Son Of The Living God, Who according to the will of The Father and through the operation of The Holy Spirit has given life to the world through Your death; by Your Most Sacred Body and Precious Blood deliver me from all my iniquities and from every evil, and make me ever cling to Your commandments, and permit me never to part from You.

Let not my reception of Your Body and Blood, which I, all unworthy, presume to eat and drink, be to my judgment and condemnation; but by Your mercy may it be to me for protection and health both of soul and body. Who lives and reigns with The Father and The Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

After Returning to The Pew: (Kneel and say this or another prayer) O Lord Christ, I can never thank You enough for instituting this Most Blessed Sacrament of Your Most Holy Body and Blood. May it ever be for me salvation to life everlasting and strength for godly living. Who lives and reigns with The Father and The Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” LSB 437

**Alas and did my Savior bleed
And did my sov'reign die
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I**

**Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree
Amazing pity grace unknown
And love beyond degree**

**Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut its glories in
When God the mighty maker died
For His own creatures' sin**

**Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness
And melt my eyes to tears**

**But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe
Here, Lord, I give myself away
'Tis all that I can do**

Pastor: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

People: (Sing) **And His mercy endureth forever.**

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve you; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (Sing) **Amen**

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: (Sing) **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Fight the Good Fight” LSB 664

**Fight the good fight will all your might
Christ is your strength and Christ your right
Lay hold on life and it shall be
Your joy and crown eternally**

**Run the straight race through God's good grace
Lift up your eyes and seek His face
Life with its way before us lies
Christ is the path and Christ the prize**

**Cast care aside lean on your guide
His boundless mercy will provide
Trust and enduring faith shall prove
Christ is your life and Christ your love**

**Faint not nor fear His arms are near
He changes not who holds you dear
Only believe and you will see
That Christ is all eternally**

Those Serving in God's House

Rev. Paul Pollatz, *Pastor*

Marie Brown, *Organist*

Glenn Cairns, *Elder/Comm. Assist*

Glenn Cairns, *Reader*

Bill Switter, David Brown & Kathy King, *Ushers*

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

To Mt. Hope,

Thank you for your prayers and for helping me during my time at home.

Nancy Dajos

Newsletter

If you want to put something in the April – Jun Newsletter, please have it to April by March 29th

Easter Lilies

\$10 a plant, we will be getting them for a local store due to Schwartz not doing it this year.

If you want one, Sign up in the lobby.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 3, 2021 from 10am to 12pm.

We are in need of donations of plastic eggs, candy, toys that fit in the plastic eggs. Please have your donations in to the office no later than Wed. March 31st.

Postcards to handout will be available by the bulletins.

Looking for a car?

We are selling a 2002 Lincoln Town Car

4 door, 143,723 Miles,

No rust, well maintained, runs good

Asking \$5,600

Contact Frank at 313-383-4883

Attendance

Sunday March 14 th	9:30am	31
Wednesday Mar. 17 th	12:00pm	14

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Birthdays

For the Shut-Ins

Gladys Hill, at Beaumont Commons

Ken Knick, at home

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

George Morton, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Mary Ann Halsey, The situation has miraculously changed for the good. Prayers of Thanksgiving!

Nancy Rogers, Friend of Pam B & Gayle F., Surgery scheduled for March 23rd.

Vicki Eisenman, Friend of Pam B & Gayle F., Recovering from surgery on March 10th.

Jim Morneau, brother of Pam Benford's Friend- Leukemia and Covid-19

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Our Website: www.mthopelutheranchurch.com

MIDWEEK OF LENT 5—March 24th

In person worship 12 Noon

(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

PALM SUNDAY—March 28th

In person worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am

HOLY (MAUNDY) Thursday—April 1st

In person worship 12 Noon & 7:00 PM w/HC

Stripping of the altar for Good Friday

GOOD FRIDAY—April 2nd

In person worship 12 Noon

(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

April 4th EASTER SUNDAY

In person worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am