

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 21, 2021
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHERING

PRELUDE/WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN No. 660 "Lift High the Cross"

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

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. 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. 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. 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.

Here ends the first lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

C: Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

C: Against you only have sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

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Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

C: Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

C: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10

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"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." 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. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Here ends the second lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: Please stand in honor of the reading of the gospel.

The Holy Gospel is taken from **John 12:20-33**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

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

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY No. 379 "Now the Green Blade Rises"

APOSTLES' CREED

C: 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 THE CHURCH

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

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C: C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION HYMNS: No. 471, 465

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us from your very self with the body and blood of Christ. Through the mystery, send us forth to proclaim your promise to a world in need, through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C: Amen.**

GOD'S PEOPLE SENT FORTH

BENEDICTION

P: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace. In the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN No. 543 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" vs. 1, 3

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Be the Light of Christ. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Welcome! Great to have you here! Thank you for choosing to worship with us here today. We practice open Communion at First Lutheran. If you believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, his body and blood shed for you, you are welcome to our table. Apple juice is available upon request.

THE WORSHIP BROADCAST today is sponsored in loving memory of Tom Benz by Barb & family.

☩ Continuing Prayer Concerns: Dennis Hazelton, Val Carmondy, Janice Harkema, John Dubbelde, and Darrell & Carol Foss as they deal with health issues; and for the Ray Pierson family on the passing of Ray.

This Week's Schedule – March 21, 2021

Today 9:30am Worship /Holy Communion at Church and live streamed

Tuesday 10:30am Pierson Funeral

Wednesday 5:30pm Lent service; 6:30pm First Communion class

Thursday 9:30am Quilting

Sunday 9:30am Worship at Church and live streamed

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Communion Asst. Alex Willey

March 2021 Offering

Monthly Income Needed to Operate	\$	17,800.00
Lent - Mar 3	\$	180.00
Weekly Offering – Mar 7	\$	4,368.87
Lent – Mar 10	\$	130.00
Weekly Offering – Mar 14	\$	9,698.51

Our Theme for Lenten Worship Services will be: “THE BODY OF CHRIST.”

Our worship service will help us to consider our Lord’s humanity, the human body in which He lived, suffered and died. The question of us for this Lent is, “How are we to live as the body of Christ today?” Another question we will seek to answer is, “How do we use our body to serve Christ?” Join us for this time of worship and meditation.

The weekly topics during Lent will be:

March 24th: Heart of Christ

April 1st (Maundy Thursday) Blood of Christ

April 2nd: (Good Friday) Body of Christ

April 4th (Easter) The Risen Body of Christ

“The Good Life” We will meet following Worship **TODAY**.

You are invited to journey with others as we read “The Good Life”, by Dr. Derwin Gray. The book helps us to learn to live the good news of Jesus and there is where we find joy and happiness.

FLCW will be collecting jeans for rugs until Monday, March 22, 2021.

2021 Pipestone Area Kindergarten Roundup will be held on Friday, March 26th at the Brown Elementary School. If you’ve not been contacted & your child will be 5 yrs. old on or before Sept. 1st, 2021, please contact Lori at Brown school as soon as possible. Lori can be reached between 8:30am-3pm, Mon- Fri. @ 825- 6756 ext. 4202. Please leave a message if no one answers.

FLCW Group Circle “Italian” Potluck

_____ Postponed – future date to be determined.

Question of the Month for February 2021

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