

Christ *Evangelical Lutheran Church*

5th Sunday in Lent — March 22nd 2015

Opening Hymn: CW 399 “To God Be the Glory”

Please stand.

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus + Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray. Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in Your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sings) Amen.

Please be seated

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to ^[d] them, ^[e]” declares the LORD. ³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 143—page 118 in *Christian Worship (CW)*

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 5:7-9

⁷ During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Verse of the Day The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45).

Holy Gospel: John 12:20-33

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. ²³ Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. ²⁷ "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. ³⁰ Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up^g from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

M: These are God's Words.

C: (sings) Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day CW 100 "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

Sermon:

Apostles' Creed: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

Offering Hymn CW 485 v.1,2 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer:

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. *Silent prayer.*

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen. 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. *Please be seated*

Hymn: CW 387 "Drawn to the Cross" *Please stand.*

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us strong in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us Your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: (sings) Amen.**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and + give you His peace.

C: (sings) Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn: CW 256 v. 3 "How Great Thou Art"

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***If you would like to sponsor an Easter lily for decorating the Lord’s house at \$15 please speak with Tammy Schroeder or Janice Spilker-Pieper.**

***Please take the time to look over the new Cleaning Schedule and sign-up for a date or two now and a date or two later. We need everyone to participate in this endeavor to spread out the task.**

***Wednesday night Lenten worship Pastor Fred Berger will be our guest preacher.**

***Thank you to our Ladies Group for hosting the last Lenten meal and for all who have helped cleanup.**

***Easter Breakfast will start at 8:45 with our Easter worship celebration at 10 am.**

***LWMS Spring Rally April 18th in Broken Bow with Pastors Bob Smith & Bounkeo Lor speaking.**

B-days & Anniv. – Ryan Carrel (3/24); Bruce & Sandy Freese (3/25); Mike Corter (3/27); Ed Jungbluth (3/27); Willard Parde (3/28)

<i>This Week and Beyond</i>			<i>Fruits of our Faith (3/11 & 15)</i>		
Today	8:45 am	BC & SS	Attendance: 7 (Sat) 47(Sun)		Needed
	9:30am	Worship	Home Fund:	\$1066	\$1600
			Missions:	\$103	\$122
Tues.	7:00pm	Confirmation	NELHS Operating:	\$75	\$122
			NELHS Debt:	\$25	
Wed.	7:00pm	Mdwk. Lent	<i>Total</i>	\$1269	\$1844
			<i>Serving Among Us</i>		
Sat.	4:30pm	Worship	Organist: Marlene Dorn		
			Ushers: Mike Schroeder(elder)		
Sun	8:45 am	BC & SS	Spencer Corter & Kevin Rehm		
	9:30 am	Worship			