

...Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

—  
JOHN 12:24

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

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*Setting Three*

*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.*



# Welcome

Pastor Wolfgang Herz-Lane

**Prelude**

Marsha Vanderwerff

## 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**

## The Peace

**P.** Jesus said: Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
May His peace be with you always.

**C. And also with you.**



## Gathering Hymn

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

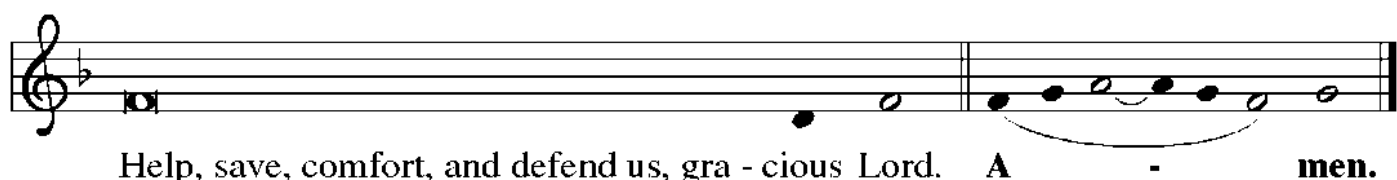
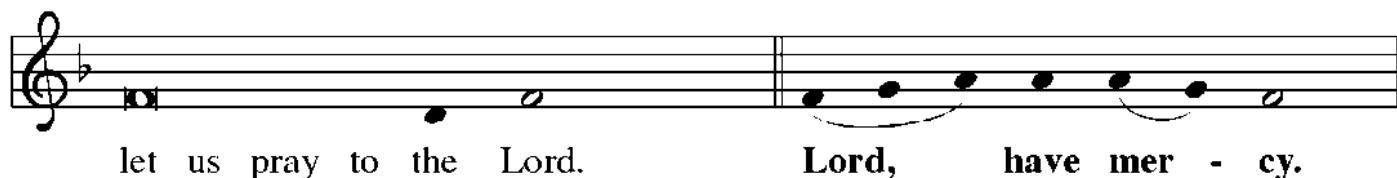
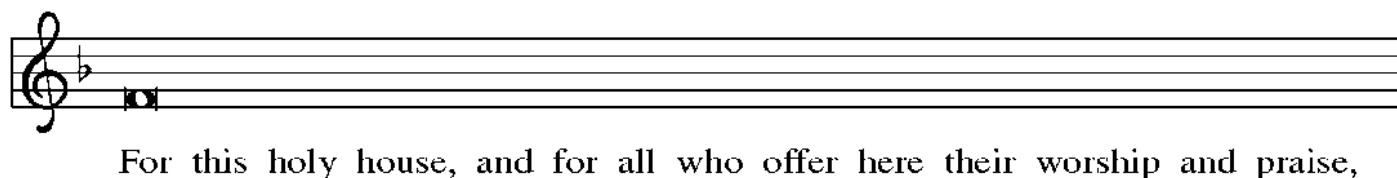
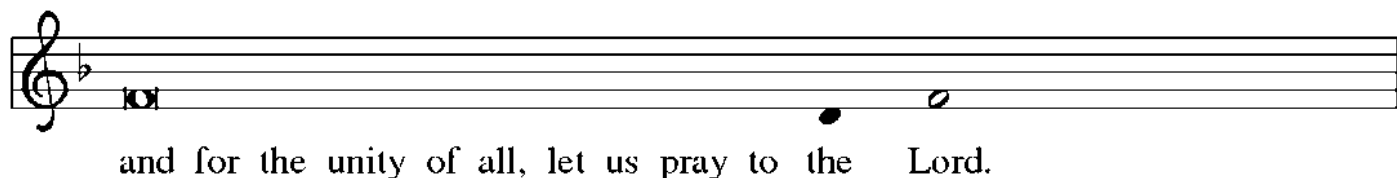
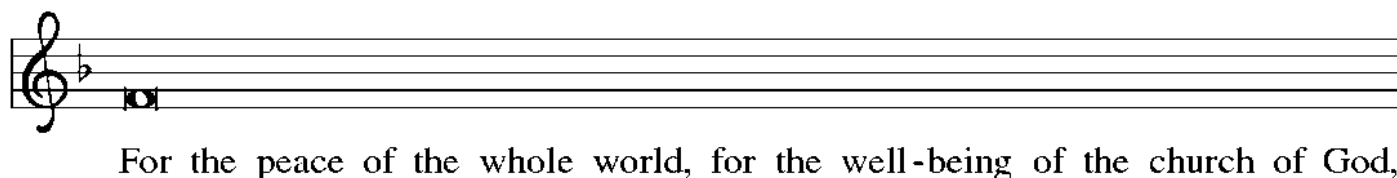
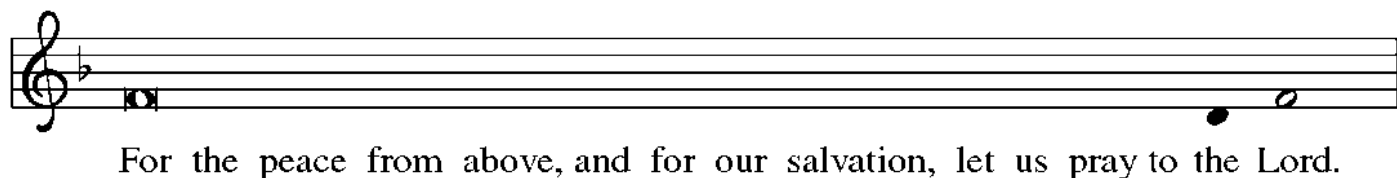
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## Greeting

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

**C. And also with you.**

# Kyrie





*This is the feast . . .*

*Refrain*



**All:** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
**Men**  
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*



**All:** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

# Prayer of the Day

- A. Let us pray . . . 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.
- C. Amen.



A graphic with a background of a sunset or sunrise over a body of water. The sky is blue with soft clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a golden glow and reflecting on the water. The text "A New Day, A New Covenant" is centered in a large, dark blue, serif font. Below it is a decorative horizontal line with a central diamond shape. Underneath the line, the text "JEREMIAH 31:31-34" is centered in a smaller, dark blue, serif font.

# A New Day, A New Covenant

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

## First Reading

*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.*

<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.

**L. Word of God, word of life.**

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 51:1-12

Spoken Responsively

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**





# Hebrews

## Chapter 5

### Second Reading

### Hebrews 5:5-10

*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.*

<sup>5</sup>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.

**L. Word of God, word of life.**

**C. Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and

mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in

stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.



**P.** The holy gospel according to John, the twelfth chapter.

**C.** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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.*

<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.

**P.** The gospel of the Lord.

**C.** **Praise to you, O Christ.**



# Children's Message

**The Sermon**

**"Life Out Of Death"**

**Pastor Wolfgang**

**Hymn of the Day**

*My Lord, What a Morning*

**ELW 438**

# The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary,  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 Intercession

- A.** Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

- C. Your mercy is great.**

- A.** God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God.

- C. Your mercy is great.**

*Other prayers*

- P.** Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

- C. Amen.**

*Let the Vineyards...*

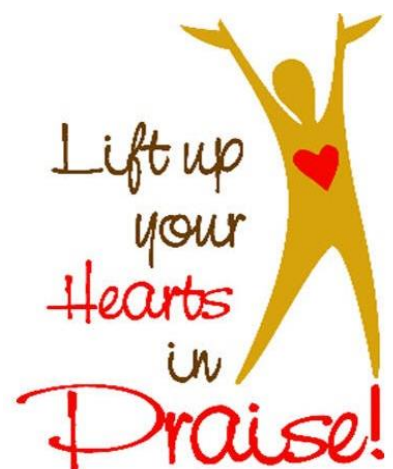
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

**Offertory Prayer**

- A. Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.
- C. Amen.


**The Great Thanksgiving**

- 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.




P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:


### The Sanctus




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Eucharistic Prayer



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





### Invitation to Communion

**P.** Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come! Everyone is invited, no exceptions.

**C.** Amen

### *Jesus, Lamb of God*

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. A bracket is placed under the final two staves, indicating a repeat or a single melodic line for the last phrase.

**Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have**  
**mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the**  
**world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the**  
**sin of the world; grant us peace.**

### Communion Hymns

*One Bread, One Body*  
*Thy Holy Wings*  
*Listen, God Is Calling*

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## Post Communion Cantic

*Lord, Listen to Your children Praying* (sing 3 times)

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics written below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and the second line of music corresponds to the second line of lyrics. The score is presented in a clear, legible font.

## Post Communion Prayer

A. Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C. Amen



## Blessing

P. Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ☩ give you peace.

C. Amen

## Sending Hymn

*Soon and Very Soon*

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## Dismissal

A. Go in peace. Share your bread.

C. Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

## Servers for Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>:

Assisting Minister..... Shannon Thomsen  
Reader ..... Rena Bogle  
Altar Guild ..... Ginny King  
Greeters / Counters ..... Linda Hash/Shannon Thomsen  
Acolyte ..... Antonio Smith  
Interim Musician.....Marsha Vanderwerff, keyboards

SERVE  
*Him*  
WITH ALL  
YOUR  
♥

**Candles** this month are provided by Sheryl Albert in thanksgiving for her husband Harry.

Sign-up sheets for the various worship assistant slots are on the board in the hallway. Please consider spending time giving glory to God by filling one of these positions on a Sunday, or providing flowers or candles to beautify our church.

Remember  
To Sign up for  
Easter Lilies

A sign-up sheet is posted on the  
bulletin board in the hallway.  
The cost per Lily will be \$10.



Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>  
5-7 pm

### Relay for Life Fundraiser – in Fellowship Hall

- **Silent Auction** - Start looking for your treasures to donate  
**NOW!!!**
- **Reverse Raffle** - 75 cards will be available for a \$5 donation; numbers will be called one at a time, the last 2 cards on the board will be a \$10 prize for second to last, and \$50 prize for the last card on the board
- **Delicious Ole Time Barbecue Plates** – Donations to the American Cancer Society accepted







## HOLY WEEK & EASTER **WORSHIP** SCHEDULE

*Midweek Lenten Worship March 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm*

March 24<sup>th</sup>  
PALM  
SUNDAY



March 29<sup>th</sup>

March 28<sup>th</sup>  
*Maundy*  
Thursday

**Easter**  
**SUNDAY**  
*He is Risen*

March 31<sup>st</sup>