



## March 17, 2024 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

**As We Gather:** As we draw closer to Holy Week, the disciples still don't understand just exactly who Jesus is or why He has come. As they travel up to Jerusalem, Jesus can't be much more explicit about His mission than He is in today's Gospel. He says, "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" (Mark 10:33b–34). But before we are too hard on these followers of Jesus, we can examine ourselves and see that we don't always take Jesus' words and promises to heart in our own lives. Thanks be to God that Jesus still came, died, and rose for dense disciples like us!

### Welcome

**Hymn:** LSB 423 "Jesus, Refuge Of The Weary"

### Invocation

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

**People:** Amen.

### Opening Sentences

**Pastor:** Jesus repeatedly told his disciples what lay ahead for him. It was the purpose for which he had come. Calling himself the Son of Man, a title for the Messiah from the prophet Daniel, Jesus said, "The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day" (Matthew 17:22-23).

**People:** **Teach us, Lord, to follow you in faithfulness.**

**Pastor:** As the time drew near for Jesus to finish his earthly ministry we are told: "When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem." (Luke 9:51)

**People:** **When our days are difficult and challenging, Lord Jesus, help us to keep our focus on you.**

**Pastor:** As Jesus began to take his final steps toward the cross, he said, "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name" (John 12:27-28).

**People:** **Jesus, in faithfulness, you took up the cross for the sake of our salvation. Set your cross before us to guide us to persevere in faith.**

### Confession and Absolution

**Pastor:** Let us confess our sins to God, and ask his forgiveness.

*(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection.)*

**All:** **Almighty God, we are called to persevere in our obedience to your will and your ways, but instead we sin against you. We do not walk in your ways or love others as we should. We are more interested in fulfilling our own desires than serving others and being faithful to your Word. Have mercy on us, and forgive us all our sins.**

**Pastor:** God, in his mercy, sent his Son to deliver us. Jesus faithfully obeyed his Father's will and suffered and died to save us. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**People:** **Lord, lead us to walk faithfully in your ways.**

**Psalm:** *(Selected verses from Psalm 27)*

**Pastor:** The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**People:** **Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

**Pastor:** One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.

**People:** **For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.**

**Pastor:** Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me.

**People:** **You have said, "Seek My face." My heart says to You, "Your face, Lord, do I seek."**

**Pastor:** I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

**People:** **Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord.**

**All:** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Pastor:** The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**People:** **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

Jesus, you set your face toward Jerusalem as the time of your death drew near. You did not turn away from what lay ahead. In Gethsemane, you prayed that your Father's will, not yours, would be done. You were faithful to your purpose and obedient to your heavenly Father, obedient to the point of death on a cross. Lead us by your Spirit to be faithful to you in our thoughts, words and actions, so that our lives bear witness to your steadfast love. In your name we pray.

**People:** **Amen.**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34** *(Through the prophet, Jeremiah, God promises to establish a new covenant with His people.)*

<sup>31</sup>"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. <sup>32</sup>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 them, declares the Lord. <sup>33</sup>"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. <sup>34</sup>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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10** (*Jesus, the great High Priest, is the source of our salvation.*)

Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. <sup>3</sup>This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. <sup>4</sup>And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was. <sup>5</sup>In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father. <sup>6</sup>And he says in another place, "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered <sup>9</sup>and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him <sup>10</sup>and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 10:32-45** (*Jesus tells the disciples about His upcoming death for the third time and teaches them about greatness in His kingdom.*)

Pastor: The Holy gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>32</sup>They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. <sup>33</sup>"We are going up to Jerusalem, he said, "and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, <sup>34</sup>who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise.

<sup>35</sup>Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher, they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask. <sup>36</sup>"What do you want me to do for you? He asked. <sup>37</sup>They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory. <sup>38</sup>"You don't know what you are asking, Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with? <sup>39</sup>"We can, they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared. <sup>41</sup>When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. <sup>42</sup>Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN:** LSB 685 “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

**SERMON:** Ephesians 6:18 “Guided to Perseverance”

**Prayers**

**Offerings**

**COMMUNION CONFESSION** (1 Cor. 10:17, Acts 2:42, 1 Cor. 11-23-32)

**Pastor:** The Lord’s Supper is God’s gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communion, we want people to receive Christ’s body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord’s Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:

**All:** I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and ask God’s forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and, that under the form of bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life. (Augsburg Confession-Article X)

**Communion Liturgy**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**Proper Preface**

**Pastor:** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And now we thank You that by the working of Your Holy Spirit through the Gospel You have called us as Your own and that we now have the opportunity to walk with You each day. For as the perfect offering, Jesus has taken upon Himself the sins of the world and has, by His rising from the grave, given us the assurance that we have forgiveness for all our sins. Therefore, with all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we join in their unending praises and sing:

**Sanctus: “Holy, Holy, Holy”** (sung to melody of LSB 507)

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Day and night we join to praise  
Your love and majesty.  
You alone are holy, worthy, and righteous.  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
We rejoice to join the hymns  
Of earth and sky and sea.  
Generations praise You, with saints and angels.  
Holy and bless’d through all eternity.**

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### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.

### **Words of Institution**

#### **Greeting of Peace**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

**Agnus Dei: "Lamb of God"** (*sung to Melody LSB 702*)

**O Lamb of God, we pray:  
Take all our sins away—  
Our faith increase.  
Have mercy on us all,  
Strengthen us when we fall,  
Answer our fervent call  
And grant us peace.**

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**Distribution Hymns:** LSB 560 "Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"  
LSB 563 "Jesus, Thy Blood And Righteousness"

**Nunc Dimittis:** Song of Simeon (*Words and music in hymnal on page 199*)

**All:** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Pastor:** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**People:** And His mercy endures forever.

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

O Christ our King, we give You thanks for having fed us through this Sacrament. Strengthen us, we pray, that we may live in obedience to You and honor Your name in our thoughts, words, and actions; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24–26*

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

**Hymn:** LSB 704 “Renew Me, O Eternal Light”

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**Church**  
**News**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of March 17, 2024**  
**Grace Lutheran Church 1120 S. Park Ave. Aurora, MO**  
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**Family for the Week: Don Wolf**  
**Trinity, Freistatt - Rev. Jake Sletten**

**Prayers of Peace and Comfort:**

**Prayers of Thanks:**

**Prayers for Health and Healing:**

**Mrs. Chris Atkins** - (friend of Pam Bowling - health and healing from cancer)

**Complete Prayer List:**

**Jim Troyke** – (health and healing from heart issues)

**Sandra Whelan** – (health and healing from back surgery)

**Steve Hilton** – (friend of Harold & Gwen Lampe – health and healing from cancer)

**Ron Hicks** – (friend of Glenda Enlow - health and healing)

**June Winger** – (Sharon Barlow’s mother – health and healing)

**Marty Jones** – (Bobby Jones’ mother - health and healing)

**Debbie Porter** – (friend of Harold & Gwen Lampe – recovery from frostbite)

**Ernest Ramm** – (Cheryl Lile’s uncle – health and healing from stroke)

**Janet Fisher** – (daughter of Bill & Joanne Michel – health and healing from surgery)

**Norma Kaiser** – (friend of Gwen & Harold Lampe – health and healing from a stroke)

**Jill Bode** – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health and healing from cancer)

**Alice Troyke** – (health and healing from a fall)

**Rick Bauer** – (Gladys Bauer’s son – health and healing)

**Jackie Clark** – (Micki Gettman’s friend – healing from a broken hip)

**Betty Gordon** – (health and healing)

**Linda Kennell** – (Pastor Kennell’s mother – health and healing)

**Bob & Bev Hess** – (health and healing from a fall)

**Kathy Brown** – (friend of Kathy Holle - health and healing)

**Larry Moennig** – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)

**Pat Michel** – (Bill Michel’s Sister-In-Law – health and healing)

**Gary Gardner** – (health and healing)

**Pastor Gary Griffin** – (health and healing from cancer)

**Thomas Williams** – (Ruth Stoddard’s friend – health and healing)

**Larry Swart** – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing)

**Dean Hadley** – (health and healing)  
**Kooper Tutten** – (Jeepers Meyer's Great-grandson - health and healing)  
**Sheryl Holle** – (Kathy Holle's cousin – health and healing from cancer)  
**Jeff Flatten** – (great nephew of Kathy Holle – health and healing)  
**Steve Doss** – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)  
**Dorothea Dennis** – (health and healing & peace and comfort)  
**Danata Hopkins** – (continued health and healing)  
**Pete Doss** – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)  
**Ellie Armstrong** – (friend of David Lampe – health and healing)  
**Margaret Seburn** - (cousin of Joanne Michel - health and healing)  
**Randy Wallace** – (brother-in-law of Micki Gettman – health and healing)  
**Diana Bauer** – (daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer - health and healing)  
**Jami Bauer** – (relative of Gladys Bauer - peace and comfort)  
**Vicki Heppard** – (relative of Gladys Bauer - health and healing from cancer)  
**Bob & Barbara Steinberg** - (health and healing)  
**Ruth Stoddard** – (health and healing)

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**THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am - Happy Half Hour</b> <b>9:30 am - Fellowship</b> <b>10:00 am – Service with communion</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Braille in Freistatt - 9:00 am &amp; 1:00 pm</b> <b>Ladies Bible Study in Freistatt - 1:30 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pastor in Office</b> <b>Pizza – 6:00 pm</b> <b>Service – 7:00 pm with Pastor Jake</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Pastor in Office</b> <b>Elders - 10:00 am</b> <b>Council - 11:00 am</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Church Planning Session - 9:00 am-12:00 pm</b> <b>Lunch provided</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am - Happy Half Hour</b> <b>9:30 am - Fellowship</b> <b>10:00 am – Service</b>

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**Birthdays: Elias Sharp-Mar. 21; Gwen Lampe-Mar. 21**  
**Anniversaries: None**

**Thank You – To all who prepared food, help serve or contributed to the Wednesday Lenten Lunch - Pam**

**Grace Planning Session: Saturday, March 23, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Lunch to follow. Please make plans to attend this important event. We would like as much input from current and new

members as possible in planning this year's mission for Grace. If you can't come for the whole morning, come for just the time you have available. There is a sign-up sheet in the entry way.

**Portals of Prayer for April-June** are now available. If you need a large print version, please see Pastor.



Grace will be doing a Shine project as last year in helping out at Camp Barnabas. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please consider signing up to help out. Our work day is April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**New Church Directory:** Grace will be doing a new Church Directory. We would like to have pictures of new members and any current members wishing a new picture. Contact Charlie Chambers to get new photos.

**Throughout this holy time, we are drawn to Calvary to live in hope, peace, trust and perseverance. The services in this series reveal how Christ and his cross serve as examples for us of how to live out our lives for and through our crucified Lord and Savior.**

Mar. 17	Ephesians 6:18	"Guided to Perseverance"
Mar. 24	Duncan Cox	
Mar. 31	John 2:1-18	"Guided to New Life"

**"Words That Last Forever" is the theme for our Midweek Lenten Services. We will listen to Jesus as He speaks from the cross 2000 years ago. And we will ponder the meaning of His words for our own lives in the 21st century.**

Mar. 20	John 19:28	"Thirst"	Jake Sletten
Mar. 28	Luke 22:19	"For You"	Ken Lampe (Maundy Thursday)
Mar. 29	Luke 23:46	"Hands"	Ken Lampe (Good Friday)

**Lenten Devotion booklets** are available under the mailboxes.



**March**

**GREETERS:**

**03/17: Bill & Diane Thompson**  
03/24: Stan & Sharon Crandall  
03/31: Charlie & Edee Chambers

**USHERS:**

**03/17: Harold Lampe**  
03/24: Charlie Chambers  
03/31: Bill Michel