

Sunday, March 17, 2024, 8:30 am

# Fifth Sunday in Lent



*Central*  
Lutheran Church ELCA

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## Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

#### Gathering Hymn LBW 94 *My Song Is Love Unknown* (verses 1-4)

My song is love unknown,  
my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I, that for my sake  
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne,  
salvation to bestow;  
but men made strange, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know.  
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,  
who at my need his life did spend;  
who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way  
and his sweet praises sing;  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,  
and for his death they thirst and cry,  
and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
he gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these  
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise;  
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624-1683

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy God,

**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.**

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 restore the promise of life through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**


## Hymn of Praise:

Assisting minister




Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.


All




Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,




we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.




Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



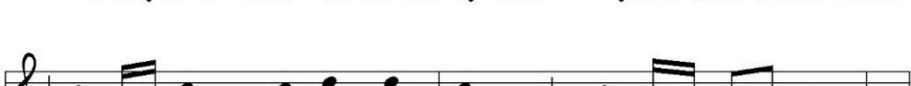
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

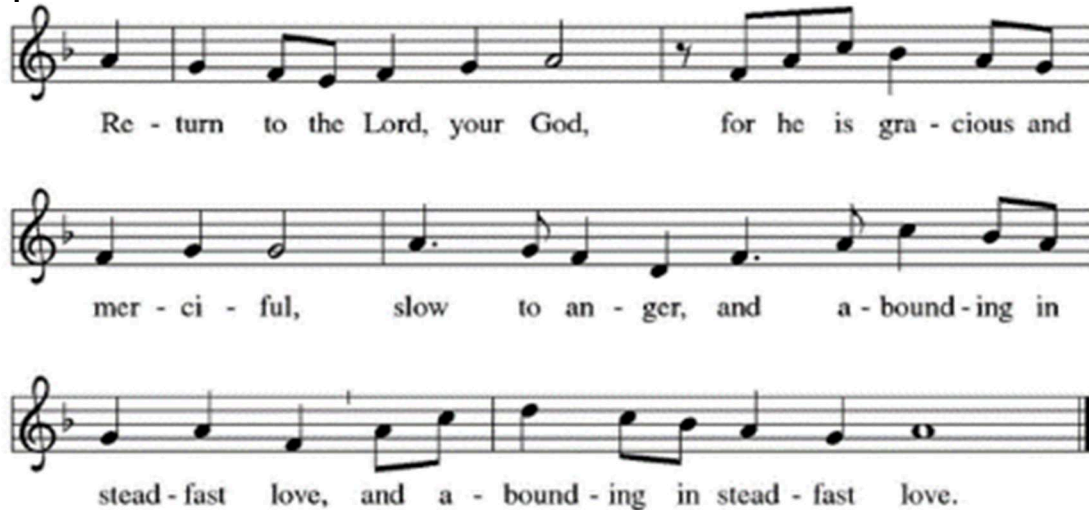
### Prayer of the Day

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.**

**First Reading**          **Jeremiah 31: 31-34**

**Second Reading**      **Hebrews 5: 5-10**

### Gospel Acclamation



**Gospel Reading**          **John 12: 20-33**

### Children's Sermon

**Sermon**    **Rev. Kristen Massa, Associate Pastor**

### **Hymn of the Day ELW 379 *Now the Green Blade Rises* (all verses)**

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,  
thinking that he would never wake again;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
your touch can call us back to life again,  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872-1958

### **Profession of Faith – Apostles' Creed**

**Living together in trust and hope we are bold to say**

**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 Intercession**

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## Now Is the Time of Grace

1. Now is the time of grace, now is the day of sal - va - tion.  
2. Turn now, and seek God's face, now be-hold God's in-vi - ta - tion.

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains two measures of music, with a first ending bracket over the first measure and a second ending bracket over the second measure. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff also contains two measures of music, with a first ending bracket over the first measure and a second ending bracket over the second measure. The lyrics are written below the notes.

### Dialogue & Words of Institution

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical score is written on four staves in F major (one flat). The first staff contains two measures of music, with a first ending bracket over the first measure and a second ending bracket over the second measure. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff also contains two measures of music, with a first ending bracket over the first measure and a second ending bracket over the second measure. The lyrics are written below the notes. The third staff contains two measures of music, with a first ending bracket over the first measure and a second ending bracket over the second measure. The lyrics are written below the notes. The fourth staff contains two measures of music, with a first ending bracket over the first measure and a second ending bracket over the second measure. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. 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.

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 Hymn, ELW 469 *By Your Hand You Feed Your People* (all verses)**

By your hand you feed your people,  
food of angels, heaven's bread.  
For these gifts we did not labor, by your grace have we been fed:

#### *Refrain*

Christ's own body, blessed and broken,  
cup o'er flowing, life outpoured,  
given as a living token of your world redeemed, restored.

In this meal we taste your sweetness,  
bread for hunger, wine of peace.  
Holy word and holy wisdom satisfy our deepest needs. *Refrain*

Send us now with faith and courage to the hungry, lost, bereaved.  
In our living and our dying, we become what we receive: *Refrain*

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

### **Prayer After Communion**

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. **Amen.**

### **Closing Blessing**

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. **Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn, ELW 545 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* (all verses)**

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way,  
let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Share your bread.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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### **Your Gifts Make a Difference - *Thank you!***

Offering Income March 1-12: **\$17,857.42** March Offering Goal: **\$55,008.09**  
Year to Date: **\$72,627.87**

### **Today's Worship Assistants**

Preaching: **Rev. Kristen Massa**  
Presiding: **Rev. Michael Short**  
Assisting Minister: **Julie Palubicki**  
Lector: **Janet Heukeshoven**  
Altar Guild: **Judy Benson, Karen Jacobson,**  
**Carmen Hannon**  
Acolytes:

Vocalists: **Sunrise Singers**  
Bread Baker: **Karen Jacobson**  
Fellowship: **Hannah Circle**  
Communion Assistants: **Karen Jacobson,**  
**Alison Prodzinski**  
Ushers: **Mark Jungerberg, Jenny Goede,**  
**Jeremy Johnson**  
Children's Sermon:

**Please remember in your prayers this week:**

<b>Ken &amp; Arlene Westrud</b> (Health)	<b>Sue Vandervort</b> (Health)	<b>Germain Amundson</b> (health)
<b>Ella Korn</b> (Health)	<b>Ed LittleJohn</b> (Cancer)	<b>Dr. Arnold Fenske</b> (health)
<b>Sonia Stutzka</b> (Health)	<b>Peter Huggenvik</b> (Health)	<b>David Dicke</b> (Health)
<b>Linda Garrison</b> (Health)	<b>David Ruppert</b> (Health)	<b>Clay Rinn</b> (Cancer)
<b>Karen Freiheit</b> (Cancer)	<b>Roz Kvittem</b> (Cancer)	<b>Linda Koch</b> (Health)
<b>Scott Steele</b> (Healing/Health)	<b>Sharri Hackbarth</b> (Health)	<b>Opal Twait</b> (Surgery/Recovery)
<b>Bobbi</b> (Cancer)	<b>Gloria Sveen</b> (Health)	<b>Family of Daniel Parker</b> (Mourning)
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## **This Week at Central: Mar 17<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>**

Sun Mar 17: 8:30 am, Traditional Worship  
9:30 am, Sunday School  
10:30 am, Modern Worship- Baptism of Abilene Johnson

Mon Mar 18: Newsletter Articles Due  
9:00 am, Social Concerns  
5:30 pm, Youth Committee Meeting

Tues Mar 19: 9:00 am, Quilters

Wed Mar 20: 1:30 pm, Esther Circle  
4:45 pm, FEAST Meal- Tuna Hotdish  
5:30 pm, Lenten Discussion  
6:30 pm, Confirmation

Thur Mar 21: 1:30 pm, Hannah Circle  
6:00 pm, Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm, Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sat Mar 23: 9:00 am, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Communion Class

## **Next Week at Central: Mar 24<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>**

Sun Mar 24: 8:30 am, Traditional Worship  
9:30 am, Sunday School  
10:30 am, Modern Worship- Sunday School Sings

Mon Mar 25: Easter Flowers DUE

Tues Mar 26: 9:00 am, Quilters  
9:00 am, Newsletter Volunteers

Wed Mar 27: No FEAST Meal  
5:30 pm, Lenten Discussion

Thur Mar 28: 6:00 pm, Adult Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm, Maundy Thursday

Fri Mar 29: Office Closed in observance to Good Friday  
7:00 pm, Good Friday worship

Sat Mar 30: 7:00 pm, Easter Vigil