



HOLY CROSS

LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION



Rich Man and Lazarus

4th Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021—9:30 am

GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Fountain of living water,

pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Love the Lord”

Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength. (sing 2x's)

With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength.

Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.

I will serve the Lord with all my heart, with all my soul,
with all my mind, and with all my strength. (sing 2x's)

With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength;

I will serve the Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul,
with all my mind, and with all my strength.

I will *love You; I will *love You.

*praise; *serve

I will trust you Lord.

With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength; (sing 2x's)

I will love You, Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul,
with all my mind, and with all my strength. (sing 3x's)

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie

“Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved”

ELW 602

1. Leader: O God, Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.

**All: Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know,
by ev'ry evil, ev'ry woe;
upon your cross-forsaken Son
our death is laid, and peace is won.**

2. Leader: O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.

**All: Your arms extend, O Christ, to save
from sting of death and grasp of grave;
your scars before the Father move
his heart to mercy at such love.**

3. Leader: O God, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us.

**All: O lavish Giver, come to aid
the children that your word has made.
Now make us grow and help us pray;
bring joy and comfort; come to stay.**

Prayer of the Day

Divine Word, you sent Moses to speak law to the people so that they would know your ways of justice. You sent prophets to speak repentance and bring hope to the hopeless. You sent your son, Jesus, to embody your compassion, forgiveness and love. Open our ears to hear your word, and our hearts to live out your ways, for the sake of the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Special Music

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Elizabeth Yearwood

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Luke 16:19-31... (Jesus told this parable) There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house — ²⁸for I have five brothers — that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message Pastor Jim Killough

Hymn of the Day

“God of the Poor”

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,
Lord, in Your suff'ring world, this is our prayer.
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace, sunrise to sunset
Your kingdom increase.

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills,
work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills.
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,
voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

*(Chorus) God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us compassion we pray,
melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.
Come change our love from a spark to a flame.*

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams,
plundered and poisoned, our future our dreams.
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed.
Make us content with the things that we need.

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame, until Your justice burns brightly again;
Until the nations learn of Your ways,
seek Your salvation and bring You their praise. *(Chorus)*

Prayers

As each petition concludes: “Hear us, O God.” please respond **“Your mercy is great.”**

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....and join their unending hymn.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **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**

Communion

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

"Here I am, Lord"

ELW 574

"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

(Refrain) Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

Dismissal

Postlude

- ⇒ **In-Person Worship** Each Tuesday, an email will be sent asking people to reply if they plan on attending worship that coming Sunday. We will then create a seating chart for those attending. This will allow us to use the available space most efficiently.
- ⇒ **Midweek Lenten Worship** “Lent at Lunch” takes place Wednesdays, at 12:00 noon on Facebook Live. Pastor Jim and a conversation partner will be discuss changes to the Christian Church based on comments from the congregation. Viewers will be encouraged to send in questions and comments. If you are not available at noon, you can watch anytime later.
- ⇒ **Lenten Offerings** will be split equally between Youth Emergency Services, Omaha Campus Ministry, and Habitat for Humanity. You can give online by [CLICKING HERE](#), and designating Lenten Offerings 2021.
- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our third Thursday of the month Pantry is March 18. Our confirmation youth will be prepping for the pantry. If you would like to help the day of the pantry, Thursday, March 18, from 4:45 to 7:15 pm, please [CLICK HERE](#).
- ⇒ **Pastor Jim** will be on vacation this afternoon through Saturday. He is going to Seattle to visit his granddaughter and her parents.
- ⇒ **Prayer Requests** If you have prayer requests for Sunday worship, email [PASTOR JIM](#).
- ⇒ **Ink Cartridge Recycling** There is no longer an easy or beneficial way for Holy Cross to collect and recycle ink cartridges. Please refrain from dropping off used ink cartridges effective immediately.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, March 14

9:30 am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live

Monday, March 15

6:30 pm Boy Scouts (Parking Lot)

9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, March 16

10:00 am Staff Meeting (Zoom)

6:30 pm Council Meeting (Zoom)

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, March 17

12:00 pm Lent at Lunch Facebook Live

6:00 pm Confirmation (Pantry Prep)

Thursday, March 18

1:30 pm Centering Prayer Group (Zoom)

5:00 pm Food Pantry

7:00 pm Alanon

Saturday, March 20

Cross Currents Due

Sunday, March 21

9:30 am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live

10:45 am Zoom Fellowship

Prayer Requests from our Church Family

Member Concerns

Emma Leaders as she recovers from knee surgery

On-Going Member Concerns

Millie Lutz at Parson's House, Eddie Nabity at Hillcrest Papillion

Friends and Relatives

Roger Kay; Aaron McDonald; Larry Rolles; Sharon Kelley.

Grieving

Joe Evans and his family as they mourn the death of Joe's mother.