



Zacchaeus

5th Sunday in Lent March 21, 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

“Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus”

ELW 802

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure,
through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading, trav'lers here, our home above,
full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Savior's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus, and with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; where he is there is no loss.

Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy:
all discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death he conquered death,
he will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath.

Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin;
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heaven.
Jesus, here with you, I die, there to live with you on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
that to life we may awaken. Jesus, you are now our head,
we are your own living members; where you live, there we shall be
in your presence constantly, living there with you forever.

Jesus, let me faithful be; life eternal grant to me.

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

Lord of the lost, We are quick to judge and slow to accept those whom we consider lower than ourselves. But you show us the way of acceptance, forgiveness, and peace. We honor your name for teaching us to love, for the sake of the one who is the essence of love itself, Jesus Christ our loving Lord. Amen.

Special Music

“Etüde VII”

Ryan Grell

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Luke 18:31-19:10...Then Jesus took the twelve aside and said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³²For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. ³³After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again."

³⁴But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

³⁵As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. ³⁷They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."

³⁸Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ³⁹Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁰Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹"What do you want me to do for you? He said, "Lord, let me see again." ⁴²Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." ⁴³Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God. ¹He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich.

³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today."

⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much."

⁹Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day

"Forever Reign"

You are good, You are good, when there's nothing good in me.

You are love, You are love, on display for all to see.

You are light, You are light, when the darkness closes in

You are hope, You are hope, You have covered all my sin.

You are peace, You are peace, when my fear is crippling.

You are true, You are true, even in my wandering.

You are joy, You are joy, You're the reason that I sing.

You are life, You are life, in You death has lost its sting.

(Chorus) Oh, I'm running to Your arms, I'm running to Your arms.

The riches of Your love will always be enough.

Nothing compares to Your embrace. Light of the world, forever reign.

You are more, You are more, than my words will ever say.

You are Lord, You are Lord, all creation will proclaim.

You are here, You are here, in Your presence I'm made whole.

You are God, You are God; Of all else I'm letting go.

(Chorus 2x's)

My heart will sing, no other Name. Jesus, Jesus. (sing 4x's)

Prayers

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

Sharing God's Peace

(Prepare for Communion with pre-communion music)

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

Communion

The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

(post-communion music)

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.

Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
In living situations to do the truth in love;

To practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
Renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

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 first Saturday of the month Pantry is April 3. If you would like to help with the pantry prep on Wednesday, March 31 or the day of the pantry, Saturday, April 3, please [CLICK HERE](#).
- ⇒ **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 21

9:30 am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live
10:45 am Zoom Fellowship

Monday, March 22

6:30 pm Boy Scouts (Parking Lot)
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, March 23

10:00 am Staff Meeting (Zoom)
7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, March 24

12:00 pm Lent at Lunch Facebook Live
6:00 pm Confirmation

Thursday, March 25

1:30 pm Centering Prayer Group (Zoom)
7:00 pm Alanon

Sunday, March 28

9:30 am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live

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 Naby 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.