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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

Rev. Lyndon Sayers, Pastor

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 6, 2025 – 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Season of Lent

Where do you see the lavishness of God's love in today's gospel reading?

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Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical
hospitality
you grant to all people.**

We oppress others,

even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.
In † Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever.
Amen.

Gathering Song
Mercy, We Abide in You – No. 1077

Refrain: Mercy, we abide in you.
Stir in us, we pray.

Leader

Vs. 1 In peace, may we assemble.
In peace, may we unite.
In peace, may we be whole.
Move within each heart.

Refrain: Mercy, we abide in you.
Stir in us, we pray.

Assembly

Hm . . . Stir in us, we pray.
Stir in us we pray.
Stir in us we pray.

Refrain: Mercy, we abide in you.
Stir in us, we pray.

Vs. 2 For all who suffer in war,
for all who struggle for comfort,
for all who slumber in ease.
Move within each heart.

Refrain: Mercy, we abide in you.
Stir in us, we pray.

Vs. 3 We are broken, longing for peace,
forgiveness, flow among us.
May we be reconciled.
Move within each heart.

Refrain: Mercy, we abide in you.
Stir in us, we pray.

Kyrie – No. 158

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Psalm 126

¹ When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.

² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and
our tongue with | shouts of joy.**

**Then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great | things for them.”**

³ The LORD has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.

**⁴ Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.**

Refrain: ***Those who sowed with tears will reap
with songs of joy.***

**⁵ Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.**

**⁶ Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the
seed, will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing
their sheaves.**

Refrain: ***Those who sowed with tears will reap
with songs of joy.***

Lenten Acclamation – No. 176

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.
Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

Gospel Reading

John 12:1-8

Hymn of the Day
***Holy Woman, Graceful Giver* – No. 1002**

Vs. 1 Holy woman, graceful giver,
prophet, servant, and believer,
Mary with the ointment jar,
sought the Christ, by scorn undaunted,
knelt in love, his feet anointed
for his coming burial hour,
for his coming burial hour.

Vs. 2 How the fragrance filled the dwelling!
How the act of beauty welling
blest all those within the place!
How the act of pure devotion,
whisp'ring of his coming passion,
blest the heart of Christ with grace,
blest the heart of Christ with grace!

Vs. 3 Lovingly Christ stilled the scoffer
who would grasping guard the coffer,
pointing to a hidden trove:

Not all treasures gain and profit;
feed the poor, and feed the spirit
acts of beauty, acts of love;
acts of beauty, acts of love.

Vs. 4 Though disdained or though contested,
acts of love are never wasted:
Beauty is a face of God.
Graceful Mary, by your giving,
you have shown a way of living:
acts of beauty, love, and good;
acts of beauty, love, and good.

Prayers of the People

God, in your mercy
receive our prayer.

Peace Sharing

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

Offering Song

Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You – Jay Althouse - choir

Great Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give our thanks and praise to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy

Sanctus - F. Schubert - choir

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth
as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us. Save us from the time of trial and
deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the
power, and the glory are yours, now and
forever. Amen**

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Songs

***Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart* – No. 750**

Vs. 1 Lord, thee I love with all my heart;

I pray thee, ne'er from me depart;

with tender mercy cheer me.

Earth has no pleasure I would share,

yea, heav'n itself were void and bare

if thou, Lord, were not near me.

And should my heart for sorrow break,

my trust in thee can nothing shake.

Thou art the portion I have sought;

thy precious blood my soul has bought.

Lord Jesus Christ,

my God and Lord, my God and Lord,

forsake me not! I trust thy word.

Vs. 2 Yea, Lord, thy own rich bounty gave
my body, soul, and all I have
in this poor life of labour.

Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
may glorify thy lavish grace
and serve and help my neighbour.

Let no false teaching me beguile,
let Satan not my soul defile.

Give strength and patience unto me
to bear my cross and follow thee.

Lord Jesus Christ,
my God and Lord, my God and Lord,
in death thy comfort still afford.

Vs. 3 Lord, let at last thine angels come,
to Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,
that I may die unfearing;
and in its narrow chamber keep
my body safe in peaceful sleep
until thy reappearing.

And then from death awaken me,
that these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, thy glorious face,
my Saviour and my fount of grace.

Lord Jesus Christ,
my prayer attend, my prayer attend,
and I will praise thee without end!

Take My Life, That I May Be – No. 583

Refrain: Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Vs. 1 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Refrain: Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Vs. 2 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Refrain: Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Vs. 3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Refrain: Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Vs. 4 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Refrain: Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Sending Song

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less – No. 597

Vs. 1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

Vs. 2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

Vs. 3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

Vs. 4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne!

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

Worship Leaders and Assistants

Assisting Minister: Allyson Roberts

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