THE LORD'S DAY 11:00 A.M. March 17, 2024 THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

"Father Welcomes"

Chorus:

Father welcomes all His children to His family through His Son. Father giving His salvation, life forever has been won.

Little children, come to me, for My kingdom is of these.

Life and love I have to give, mercy for your sin.

Chorus.

In the water, in the Word, in His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe, shall be born again.

Chorus.

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Afterward.

Let us daily die to sin; let us daily rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. Chorus.

INVOCATION Psalm 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: Psalm 43:1

Reader: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

R Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,

C from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

R I love the LORD, because he has heard

C my voice and my pleas for mercy.

R Because he inclined his ear to me,

C therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

R The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me:

CI suffered distress and anguish.

R Then I called on the name of the LORD:

C "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

P R For you have delivered my soul from death, C my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. R Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people.

C from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

THE OPENING SONG HYMN 537 "Beautiful Savior"

Verse 1

Beautiful Savior, King of Creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Verse 2

Fair are the meadows; Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flowers of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Verse 4

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

OLD TESTATMENT Jeremiah 31:31-34

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

CONFESSION OF SINS

- P Gracious Lord, I know, and You certainly know, that I am sinful by nature. I agree with the words of the apostle who said, "I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out" (Romans 7:18). Forgive me all of my sins, and hear the confession of your people as we join in saying:
 - C Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive, renew, and restore Your children. We confess our sins, seek Your forgiveness, and ask for Your favor because of our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

P "The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor His anger forever; He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us" (*Psalm 103:8-12*).

As a called and ordained servant of the word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (*John 20:23*).

C Amen.

GOSPEL Mark 10:35-45

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to [Jesus] and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized. but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for manv."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the

Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Sit)

CHILDREN'S TALK

HYMN OF THE DAY HYMN 579 THE LAW OF GOD IS GOOD AND WISE

SERMON: The Sixth Commandment

Catechism

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love an honor each other.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT

- P "At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die."
- C "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
- P "Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him."
- C "For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life." Romans 5:6-10

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

INVITATION

P "We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

Hebrews 4:15

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"Knowing You"

All I once held dear built my life upon All this world reveres and wars to own All I once thought gain I have counted loss Spent and worthless now compared to this

Chorus

Knowing You Jesus knowing You There is no greater thing You're my all You're the best You're my joy my righteousness And I love You Lord

Now my heart's desire is to know You more To be found in You and known as Yours To possess by faith what I could not earn All surpassing gift of righteousness *Chorus*

Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like You in Your death my Lord
So with You to live and never die Chorus

Ending: Love You Lord.
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"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground;
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm;
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied,
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.
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"How Great Is Our God"
The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light And darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice And trembles at His voice

Chorus How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb
Chorus
(Bridge)
Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG "Step By Step"
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You!
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You!
I will seek You in the morning,
And I will learn to walk in Your ways;
And step by step You'll lead me,
And I will follow You all of my days. Repeat.
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