

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17th, 2024

Pastor Tim Heinecke



Worship Notes

- Families with children are warmly welcome! We love to have children participate in worship and offer special bulletins just for kids.
- If you need to step out of the worship service with a child, there are chairs set up in the Family Room at the south end of the narthex/entry with speakers from the sanctuary. However, please do not feel pressure to leave if your child acts up a little bit. We want children to learn how to worship with us!
- If you have difficulty standing during the service, please remain seated.
- We have hearing assistance devices for the Sanctuary. If you are having difficulty hearing during worship, let Pastor or one of the AV volunteers know and they will get you a device.
- Restrooms (with changing tables) are located at the north end of the narthex/entry.
- Please remember to silence your cell phone before worship begins.
- If you are a guest today, we are happy you are here! Please take time after the service to introduce yourself to the pastor. We would like to get to know you better!
- If you are a guest, please do not feel obliged to give an offering. If you belong to another
 congregation, please continue to support them. If you are new to Christianity, let us help you
 understand God's gifts to you so that you know why we give offerings. Instead of passing the
 offering plate, we will worship God by placing our offerings in the "noisy can" in the
 narthex/entry.
- Special Note About Face Masks and Distancing: Wearing face masks and social distancing is optional. We understand everyone is in a different health situation, has a different comfort level, etc. Regardless of your situation, everyone is welcome to worship with us without any pressure to shake hands or be in physical contact with anyone. Since wearing a mask for long periods of time can be uncomfortable, you are welcome to step outside for a mask break at any time, even during worship.

Each Sunday of the year is marked in the church in relation to Jesus' life and ministry. "Lent" (which simply means "spring") is a 40-day season leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus.

During these 40 days we spend time in reflection and repentance, remembering it was our sin that led Jesus to the cross.

(Sundays are not included in the 40 days of Lent. Each Sunday is a "mini" Easter during which we anticipate Jesus victory over sin and death.)

In the opening hymn we thank and praise God for gathering us together as His people.
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+ Preparation +

Before the service, please use the sanctuary to prepare for worship. We invite you to use this time to prepare by reflecting on the Scripture readings and songs. To help others also prepare for worship, please keep voices low in the sanctuary.

Pre-Service Prayer

Gracious God, thank you for welcoming me into your house.

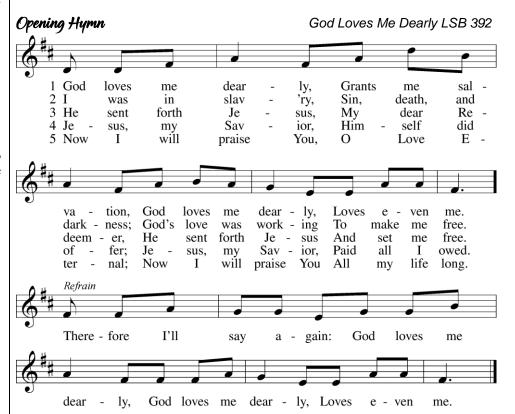
Please open my heart to hear your Word, receive your forgiveness, and live out your grace in my life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

John 14:27

Pastor: May the peace of the Lord be with you,

Congregation: And also with you.



Invocation

To "invoke" is to call upon. We call on our Triune God because we are baptized into His name.

We admit to
God and to
each other that
we have not
lived according
to God's law.
We ask God to
forgive us for
the sake of
Jesus' sacrificial
death on the
cross.

God completely removes our sin through faith in Christ. These words of forgiveness are from God Himself. (John 20:21-23) P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession of Sins

P: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C: to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

P: to herald Your love in the morning,

C: Your truth at the close of the day. (Psalm 92:1)

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another:

(Silence for self-examination and personal confession to God.)

P: Holy and gracious God,

C: I confess that I have sinned against You every day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds I am ashamed of—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may live in Your peace.

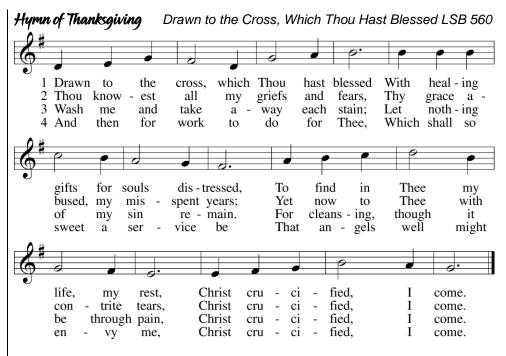
Forgiveness of Sins

P: By the mercy of God we are saved by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We now live in His peace and rise to serve Him in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

We thank and praise God for granting us forgiveness, life, and salvation in Christ.

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Responsive Psalm

Psalm 119:9-15

P: How can a young person stay on the path of purity?

C: By living according to your word.

P: I seek you with all my heart;

C: do not let me stray from your commands.

P: I have hidden your word in my heart

C: that I might not sin against you.

P: Praise be to you, Lord;

C: teach me your decrees.

P: With my lips I recount

C: all the laws that come from your mouth.

P: I rejoice in following your statutes

C: as one rejoices in great riches.

P: I meditate on your precepts

C: and consider your ways.

The Book of Psalms was like a prayer book for the people of God in the Old Testament. It proclaims the promises of God that were fulfilled in Jesus' death and resurrection.

+ Word +

The "collect" is prayed by Christians throughout the church each week. It "collects" all our prayers together into one general request fitting with the theme

of the day.

The Old
Testament is a collection of writings that were written by God's prophets centuries before the birth of Christ. Jesus says of them: "They testify to me."
(John 5:39)

Greeting and Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Almighty God, You keep Your promises. Thank You for promising to be with us throughout our lives. Thank You for Your promise to win the forgiveness and life we need; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.

It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,

though I was a husband to them,"

declares the LORD.

"This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD.

"I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,

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and they will be my people.

No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,'

because they will all know me,

from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD.

"For I will forgive their wickedness

and will remember their sins no more."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

"Epistles" are letters written by Jesus' apostles to the church. They teach about Jesus and instruct us for living as His people. The apostles were led by the Spirit of truth. (John 16:13)

Epistle Reading Hebrews 5:1-10

¹ Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. ³ This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. ⁴ And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵ In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him,

"You are my Son;

today I have become your Father."

⁶ And he says in another place,

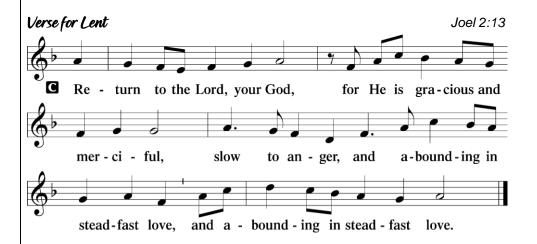
"You are a priest forever,

in the order of Melchizedek."

⁷ During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰ and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!



"Gospel" literally means "good news." The four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) tell the good news of Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and promise to return.

John writes, "These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, and by believing you may have life in his name." (John 20:31) Gospel Reading Mark 10:35-45

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the tenth chapter.

C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

- ³⁶ "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.
- ³⁷ They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."
- ³⁸ "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"
 - ³⁹ "We can," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

During the Sermon Hymn, children are invited to come forward and worship God by placing their offering in the Noisy Can up front, then return to their seats.

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Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them." (Mark 10:14)

Children's Message

This brief lesson is designed for children up to sixth grade.

Parents are welcome to come up with their children.

We ask that all children under three be accompanied by a parent.

Sermon Hymn

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It LSB 594 v 4-5

- Death, you cannot end my gladness:
 I am baptized into Christ!
 When I die, I leave all sadness
 To inherit paradise!
 Though I lie in dust and ashes
 Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
 Baptism has the strength divine
 To make life immortal mine.
- There is nothing worth comparing
 To this lifelong comfort sure!
 Open-eyed my grave is staring:
 Even there I'll sleep secure.
 Though my flesh awaits its raising,
 Still my soul continues praising:
 I am baptized into Christ;
 I'm a child of paradise!

The pastor preaches the Word of God (2 Tim. 4:2). Listen for God's commands (Law) and God's promises in Christ (Gospel).

Jesus instructs us to confess our faith in Him. (Matt. 10:32). Today we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed, which has been confessed in various forms

since the 2nd

Century AD.

Sermon

Title: "Promise Day"
Text: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Adult Bible study at 10:30 AM begins with time to discuss any questions that you may have from the sermon. (space allowed for Sermon Notes)

Confession of Faith

P: Christian, what do you believe?

C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

God promises to hear our prayers in Jesus' name. (Acts 4:12)

Take note of the prayer requests made at this time and incorporate them into your daily prayers.

If you would like to add or remove an ongoing prayer request, contact the church by Wednesday afternoon each week.

When His disciples asked Jesus how to pray. He taught them the "Lord's Praver." (Matt. 6:9-13)

The Prayers of The Church

After each petition:

P: Lord, You keep Your promises,

C: Hear our prayer.

Praise and Thanksgiving

Birthdays this week: Jan Johnson (3/17), Allen Vogt (3/18)

Comfort, healing, recovery, and physical strength

George Spratt (physical pain) Eric Endthoff (back trouble) Mary Kemkes (health/memory issues) Oleg (digestive issues) Dorothea Zaiger (back pain) Anna Farnham (health issues) Kyle Ranum (heart issues) Ronan (Gloria's grandson)

Riley Helberger (young boy with leukemia)

Vellenia (Damaris' niece, cancer) Kurt (Lisa's brother, cancer)

Laurice (Lisa's mom, surgery recovery)

Helen Bauer (health issues)

Joni Ornes (Leon's niece, chemotherapy)

Brenda (Marten's daughter, lupus) Lee Wolf (bladder cancer)

Beth (heart issues)

Marilyn Acker (chronic pain)

Lea (declining health) Chuck (declining health) Thomas Cline (lung cancer) Shannon (healing and strength)

Lexy (program completion) Don Meyer (health issues) Julie Trippel (health issues) Leon Williams (health issues)

Donna (lung cancer) Pat (cancer surgery)

Desmond

Robin Wies (cancer)

Fitzhugh family

Other Concerns

Families struggling with addictions

Those who are disconnected from Christ and the church

Pastor Fung Lo, Kalia, and Mercy as they serve as missionaries to Thailand

Amy Formella and her work at Lutheran Bible Translators

Persecuted Christians

Our Nation

The Lord's Prayer

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. God instructed Aaron to bless His people with these words. (Numbers 6:24-26)

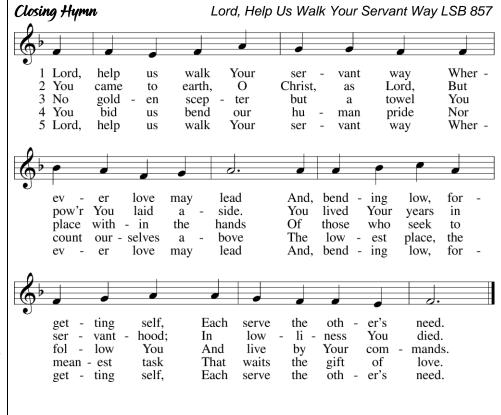
Worship concludes as we praise God and ask Him to guide, strengthen, and empower us to share His love with others throughout the week.

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Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

- C: Amen.
- P: Go in Peace and
- C: Serve the Lord!



+ You Are Invited! +

We invite you to stay after worship for our Education Hour from 10:30-11:30 am. Join us after worship for fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall or Fireside Room.

Ages 3 - 12: Meet in the Large Classroom for Sunday School.

Ages 13 - 18: Meet in the Youth Room for Youth Group.

Adults: Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 for Bible Class. There is no speaking or reading required to participate in this class. Children two years and under are welcome to stay with their parents in this class. Bibles are available on the shelf in Fellowship Hall. If you do not have a Bible, let Pastor know and we'd love to give you one!

Calendar of Events

You can attend Worship and Adult Bible Study in person, watch the live stream on YouTube, or watch the video on YouTube after the in-person event ends.

Today: Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:30 am Youth Group 10:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am First Communion Class 6:30 pm

Monday: Coffee at Dunn Brothers in Hugo 10:00 am

Tuesday: "The Chosen" Bible Study at Keystone Place 1:30 pm

Elder's Board Meeting 4:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm

Wednesday: Worship at Keystone Place 1:30 pm

Lent Meal 5:45 pm

Lent Midweek Worship 7:00 pm Soul Purpose Practice 8:00 pm

Friday: Bible Study 10:00 am

Next Sunday: Worship with Communion 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:30 am Youth Group 10:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am

If you have any changes or additions to the bulletin, send an email by Wednesday morning to Lisa Heinecke at newlifehugo@gmail.com.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday will also be live streamed on YouTube. Maundy Thursday and the Prayer Vigil will not be live-streamed.

Palm Sunday, March 24 (9:00 a.m.)

 We will also have a special guest from Camp Omega join us during the Education Hour for a special Camp Jamboree with the kids.

Maundy Thursday, March 28 (7:00 p.m.) – "Jesus' Blood"

Our service will include the Paschal Meal.

Good Friday, March 29 (7:00 p.m.) - "Jesus' Body"

Prayer Vigil, Saturday, March 30 (1:00-3:00 p.m.)

- Come spend some quiet time with Jesus in prayer any time between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.
- 1:00 2:00 p.m. Classic Lenten hymns will be playing quietly in the background.
- 2:00 3:00 p.m. The Sanctuary will be silent with no music playing.

Easter Sunday, March 31 (9:00 a.m.) - "Jesus' Risen Body"

- Join us at 8:00 a.m. for a potluck breakfast before worship.
- Between breakfast and worship, kids are welcome to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt.
- Our worship service will include Communion.

Serving in the Month of March

Altar Preparation: Carole Swiden Elder on Duty: Brent Krause Ushers: David Krueger, Kyle Schumacher Audio/Video: Kay Walfoort

Communion Assistants: Eric Grunwald, Brent Krause

Serving this week, March 17th

Greeters: Dan and Phyllis Becker
PowerPoints: Levi Hageman
Acolytes: Parker Minlschmidt, Owen Minlschmidt, Naomi Endthoff
Flowers: Given by Kay Walfoort in memory of her brother Fred Case

Snacks: Carole Swiden, Mary Watkins Church Cleaners: Dave and Louise Krueger

Serving next week, March 24th

Greeters: Lyle and Lynn Nelson Music: Soul Purpose PowerPoints: Samara Springer Reader: Lila Heinecke Acolytes: Mattie Gunderson, Lily Shorter, Natalie Steensland

Flowers: Given by Linda Wiegert in celebration of Darlene Sutton's birthday

Snacks: Judy West, Ceil Marten

Church Cleaners: Cleaning Authority

Things You Should Know

Uncast Stones

Whether we like it or not, electronics are a part of our lives. Regardless of how tech-savvy you consider yourself, we cannot escape the use of electronics in our lives. This ranges from watching TV to cell phones to social media. Fortunately, God gives us some great guidance on what to do. Join us on Sunday mornings during the Education Hour in the Fellowship Hall for a new study titled "Uncast Stones: How to Use Electronics in Healthy and God-Pleasing Ways."

Easter Garden of Victory forms due TODAY

Again this year we will have our Easter Garden of Victory. A beautiful adornment for the altar, this gathering of new blooms reminds us of Jesus' victory over death. If you would like to participate you may either order plants using the order form or you may bring your own plant to church on Saturday March 30th by 10:00 AM. The order form is included in the March newsletter or you can pick one up from the basket located in the narthex.

To order a plant, please indicate the quantity wanted for each plant. Be sure to fill in your dedication. Give your order form and payment to Judy West, Kathy Brevig, or Lisa Heinecke by Sunday March 17th.

If you are bringing your own plant, please fill out your dedication along with your name. Give to Judy or Lisa by Sunday March 24th.

The plants will be tagged with your name and may be taken home immediately after the Easter Sunday service.

Michael Walcheski Lecture

Dr. Michael Walcheski will be speaking at Concordia Saint Paul as part of their Poehler Lecture Series on Connecting Faith and Learning. The lecture is entitled Planting Trees Under Which We'll Never Sit and will take place this Tuesday, March 19th, at 7:00 pm. The live stream link is https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q0ziKepjTYI. Contact Lisa Heinecke (newlifehugo@gmail.com) if you'd like her to email you the link.

Camp Omega Jamboree

Next Sunday (March 24) we will have a representative from Camp Omega at New Life. He will share a special update with us during worship and will host a Camp Jamboree during Sunday School. Anyone is invited to join the kids in the sanctuary during Sunday School to sing some songs, learn about camp, and hear about Jesus.

Easter Breakfast

On Easter Sunday (March 31), we will have a potluck-style breakfast starting at 8:00 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board near the kitchen with more information. Please sign up to bring something or help out. It will be a great time to gather, eat, and worship our Risen Savior!

Egg Hunt at New Life

On Easter Sunday (March 31), we will have a special Egg Hunt at church before worship. All children are invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a fun Egg Hunt together.

Food Shelf Donations

The Stewardship, Evangelism and Missions Board (SEM) has decided to stress donations to the Hugo Good Neighbors Food Shelf during this period of Lent. The grocery cart will be in the lobby on Sundays of Lent and in the Fellowship Hall the rest of the week. You are invited to bring nonperishable food or household products. A list of the 10 most needed is included here and will be on bulletin board. Cash donations are also very welcome. They always need volunteers for a few hours a week. They are located off 151 St. in Hugo. More information at hugofoodshelf.org/getinvolved/volunteer/#gf_1/

10 most needed food items: Baby wipes, diapers/pull ups size 4 and up, 64 oz juice bottles (healthy choices), cereal, Ramen noodles, pasta (not elbow macaroni), liquid hand soap, cleaning products, snacks of any kind, Bear Creek Soup.

Romans is coming, Romans is coming

Martin Luther once said Romans is the purest gospel. It is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word by heart, but also that we should occupy ourselves with it every day, as the daily bread of the soul. We can never read it or ponder over it too much, for the more we deal with it, the more precious it becomes and the better it tastes. Please take this opportunity to join us in studying this precious book on Friday mornings beginning in April (the exact date to be announced). This is a come-as-you-are, fun, informative Bible Study, where just listening and having a cup of coffee is ok. We meet in the Fellowship Hall, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. We are praying that you will join us.

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