

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday, March 20, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

4101 Washington Street NE

Columbia Heights, MN 55421

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OPENING MEDLEY:

“Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”

**Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other’s need.**

**You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But pow’r You laid aside.
You lived Your years in servanthood; In lowliness You died.**

**No golden scepter but a towel You place within the hands
Of those who seek to follow You And live by Your commands.**

**You bid us bend our human pride Nor count ourselves above
The lowest place, the meanest task That waits the gift of love.**

**Lord, help us walk Your servant way wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other’s need.**

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“Make Me a Servant”

**Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be; Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today. *(Repeat song)***

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INVOCATION:

L: Our worship begins the way our lives in Christ begin in baptism: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF OUR SINS:

L: Let us go to our heavenly Father, asking for forgiveness of our many sins. *(Time for personal reflection)*

L: Most merciful heavenly Father, you promised a covenant written on your people’s hearts.

C: **But we do not always rely on your promises and great love. We are sorry.**

L: Gracious Holy Spirit, through your use of Word and Sacrament, many people know the Lord.

C: **But we have not taken advantage of every opportunity to share your Word with others. We are sorry.**

L: Jesus taught that the greatest in the kingdom is the servant of all.

C: But our hearts have not always been humble and eager for service. We are sorry. Our thoughts, words, and deeds fall short. As fallen sinners, we are helpless to change. For Jesus' sake, forgive us, and give us new and clean hearts to love you and serve our neighbors.

L: Hear now the promises of our Lord as spoken through his prophet, Jeremiah:

"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, 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."

L: And I will remember their sins no more.

C: And I will remember their sins no more.

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

RESPONSE: "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

**My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine, For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou, If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**I love Thee because thou hast first loved me, And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow, If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death, And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me
breath**

And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow, If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

**In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow, If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray together to the Lord.

C: Lord Jesus, the Cross is your Glory from which you have defeated all sin, eternal death and the power of Satan. As we approach Holy Week 2021... "Hold Thou Thy Cross before our closing eyes, shine through the gloom and point us to the skies; Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord abide with me."

GREETING TIME

+ NURTURE +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 5:1-10

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. He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was. 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." And he says in another place, "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." 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. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

HOLY GOSPEL:

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter ten.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. "We are going up to Jerusalem," he said, "and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise." Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." "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?" "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, 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." When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. 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. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 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."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

SONG OF THE DAY: "Servant's Prayer"

Lord, it's You who has brought me to this day, who has
May my feet nev - er stum - ble and nev - er stray, nor grow
May my eyes ev - er fixed on Your king - dom be, as my

car - ried and kept me in Your care. I look back and I see You in
we - ary up - on this ro - cky road. For the path I am on is a
heart ev - er longs for joy to come. For my hope is in things that I

all my years, and so for - ward I go know - ing You are
nar - row way, but I know You are with me so on are
can - not see, but be - cause of Your pro - mise so I press

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there. May each word from my lips be a song of good news, ev - ery
go.

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touch of my hands be a gift of grace, ev-ery beat of my heart be a prayer to You, and the

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sum of my days be a life of praise.

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on. Christ be - fore me to guide me

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on my way. Christ be - side me so I am not a-lone. Christ-with - in me to give me

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words to say. Christ-be - hind me to bring the har - vest home. May each

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word from my lips be a song of good news, ev - ery touch of my hand be a

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gift of grace, ev-ery beat of my heart be a prayer to You, and the sum of my days be a

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life of praise. And the sum of my days be a life of praise.

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MESSAGE – Pastor Keith Brutlag

CONFESSION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed

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.

+ EMPOWER +

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

(Prayer response – P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.)

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

**Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me from day to day.
Without your grace and favor I go astray
So take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.**

**Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear
For you, the Rock of Ages, are always near.
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when your hand is guiding, in peace I go.**

**Lord, when the shadows lengthen and night has come,
I know that you will strengthen my steps toward home,
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!
So, take my hand and lead me unto the end.**

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Lay Minister: Bob Nehring

