



# The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent March 17, 2024

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Rev. Tammy Bull, Pastor

*Our mission: to share our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.*

## GATHERING

Gathering Music: *Wondrous Love* arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome & Announcements

Handbell Prelude: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* arr. K. Buckwalter

We begin in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

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

L: Gracious God, **C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and the things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,  
Oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!
2. May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;  
As thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!
3. While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray from thee aside.
4. When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream  
shall o'er me roll;  
Blest Savior, then, in love fear and distrust remove;  
Oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Kyrie

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L: We pray together the Prayer of the Day... **C: O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive reading from Psalm 51

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great love blot out my offenses.

**C: Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

L: For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

**C: Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

L: Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

**C: Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

L: Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

**C: Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

L: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

L: Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**C: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

Gospel Acclamation

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Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

Pastor Tammy Bull

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW #379

1. Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
Wheat... that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been;  
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

2. In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,  
Think...ing that he would never wake again.  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;  
Love is come again like wheat arising green.
3. Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain,  
He... that for three days in the grave had lain;  
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;  
Love is come again like wheat arising green.
4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Your... touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts, that dead and bare have been;  
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith...

Apostles' Creed

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**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

Prayers of the People (each petition ends... "Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**")

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

## MEAL

**Offering:** (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God in gratitude and joy. In response to God's love, we care for others in the name of Jesus. We do this, in part, through our visitation and prayer ministries. We appreciate your gifts of time, money, energy, and prayers to this work! If you are our guest today - either in person or online – we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world!)

Offering Response: Create in Me

ELW #186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Offertory Prayer: **C: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us with these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is indeed right, ...and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, [...] Now, 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.**

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

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Hymn during Communion: For the Bread Which You Have Broken

ELW #494

1. For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,  
For the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

2. By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored,  
By your call to heav'n above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.
3. With the saints who now adore you, seated at the heav'nly board,  
May the church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.
4. In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;  
In the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us, and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### SENDING

L: The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of + Christ Jesus, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing ELW #545

1. Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.
2. Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.
3. Savior, when your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

L: Go in peace. Remember the poor. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: Gigue

Gordon Young/arr. Douglas E. Wagner



**Keeping in Prayer...** Friends & family of Daryl Ries and Judi Jonas following their deaths; Holly Hesper & family following the death of her mother; Tim, Alex, Beckett, Ike & MaryAnn, Arvin Swenson, Hy & Becky, John & Elizabeth, Pat, Chris Bender, Dawn, Brian, Beth, Jim, Arnie Depping, Larry & Peggy Johnson, Rachel, Don & Donna, Rose Ulery, Ann, Ted, Carl & Harley, Sandy Kirkegaard, Noah, Elaine Rice, Dorothy Roseth, Jerry, Toni Sperle, Steven, Scott, Haley, Esther Bender, Reta.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of March 17:**

- Executive Committee meets TODAY after worship.
- Church Council meets on Tuesday, 3/19 at 7 pm in the Fireside Room
- *FLOWING WATER* noon recital series Wed., 3/20. Bring a sack lunch; beverages and cookies will be provided. This is the last recital of the 2024 Lent series.
- The last of the Lent Soup Suppers is Wednesday, 3/20 from 6:00-6:45 pm followed by Holden Evening Prayer worship from 6:45 – 7:30 pm in the Social Hall.
- R.O.M.E.O. men’s lunch group meets Thurs., 3/21 at 11:30 am in the Fireside Rm.
- Handbells rehearse Thurs. at 5:40 pm in the Library.
- GF Community Band rehearses Thur. 7 pm in the Fireside Room.
- Saturday – March 23 – Indoor spring cleaning at the church 9 am – 1 pm.

Accompanist: James Rickley

Cantor: Gaynell Tempel

Reader: Melanie Jensen

Communion Assistant:

Fellowship: Dona Shehan

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