

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

March 21, 2021

10:00 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God’s love with all the world.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*

Johann Cruger, arr. John Barr
prerecorded by Ian Morse, organ

Ian is a high school junior who received a scholarship from the Arrowhead AGO to study with Karen Sande.

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

KYRIE

Assisting Minister

In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

All

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e -

le - i - son, e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son.

Assisting Minister

Petition..... let us pray.

For peace between nations, faithfulness in the Church, and the healing of creation, let us pray: **Kyrie** . . .
 For those who seek the light, those who thirst for mercy, and all who long for God, let us pray: **Kyrie** . . .
 For those who are hungry, grieving or in pain, abandoned or afraid, let us pray: **Kyrie** . . .

Assisting Minister

Help, save, com-fort and de - fend us, O

All

God. A -

<i>To the Prayer of the Day</i>	<i>To the Evening Hymn of Praise</i>
men.	men.

Beloved, God's word never fails.
 The promise rests on grace:
 by the saving love of Jesus Christ,
 the wisdom and power of God,
 your sins are + forgiven, and God remembers them no more.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN #506 *The Word of God Is Source and Seed*



1 The Word of God is source and seed; it comes to
 2 The Word of God is breath and life; it comes to
 3 The Word of God is flesh and grace, who comes to



die and sprout and grow. So make your dark earth
 heal and wake and save. So let the Spir - it
 sing, to laugh and cry. So dare to be as



wel - come warm; root deep the grain God bent to sow.
 touch and mend and rouse your dry bones from their grave.
 Je - sus was, who came to live and love and die.

Refrain



Gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no, gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no,
 In the Lord let us re - joice, in the Lord let us re - joice,



gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no!
 in the Lord let us re - joice!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Dianne O. Loufman

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

read by Norman Radtke

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.

³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says 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. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God.

Word of Life.

SECOND READING *Hebrews 5:5-10*

read by Pam Radtke

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

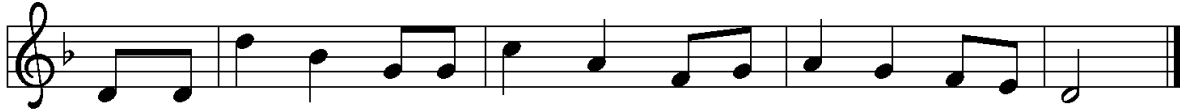
Word of God.

Word of Life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL *John 12:20-33*

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Dianne O. Loufman

HYMN OF THE DAY #343 *My Song Is Love Unknown* (alternate tune "Rhosymedre")



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;
3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail
But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his
Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they
Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!
thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.
'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

7 Here might I stay and sing—
no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Boundless God, remind us:

WE ARE Created by an ever-present, loving God,
Deeply rooted in Christ Jesus
Equipped to be resilient amidst change,
Grounded in community,
Free to struggle, grow and expand,
Compelled to reach out in response,
Renewed in hope each day.

God, speak these words to us today, plant them within us,
that we may find our identity in you. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

or

Bless we the Lord,
Thanks be to God!

THE PEACE

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

GOD EXTENDS AN INVITATION

ELCA World Hunger

OFFERING

*You are invited to use our digital offering plate. Simply send a text to **218-325-9525** with amount you would like to contribute. Enter a simple number (with no decimal). You'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your card information. Thank you for supporting God's mission through FLC.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Wondrous Love*

American folk hymn, arr. Jason Krug

prerecorded by handbell quartet: Roberta Maughan, Suzanne Rauvola, Karen Sande, Sarah Climis

OFFERING PRAYER

God's time is fulfilled and the reign of God has come near.
We are humbled by your generosity, we seek to respond by walking in your ways.
Receive these offerings that they may be used
to glorify you and serve those in need. Through Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

The Lord your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands. He has watched over your journey through this vast wilderness. These forty years the Lord your God has been with you, and you have not lacked anything. Deuteronomy 2:7

We return to the wilderness of Lent still thirsting to be together, still hungry for communion. Longing to return to this table, we remember that when the Israelites were wandering in the desert, they cried out to God and God sent manna. We know that in times of crisis, God feeds hungry people. Tear off a piece of bread and hold it in your hand. This is bread for the journey. Before you eat it, think of the ways that God has fed you and the community over this last week. Think of how God has shown up in your life and in the lives of others. Take a moment to thank God for nourishing you. As you eat the bread, pray for those who don't have enough to eat, that God would feed them too and that we might be part of the way God answers those prayers.

HYMN *God of Love, Hear Our Prayer*

God of love, hear our prayer, we are trust-ing in your mer - cy,

God of love, hear our prayer, grant us your peace.

The image shows two systems of musical notation for a hymn. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major (two sharps). The first system contains the lyrics 'God of love, hear our prayer, we are trust-ing in your mer - cy,'. The second system contains the lyrics 'God of love, hear our prayer, grant us your peace.' The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As we journey with Jesus to the cross, we pray:

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.**

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

BLESSING

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.
Amen.*

SENDING HYMN #329 *As the Sun with Longer Journey*



1 As the sun with long - er jour - ney melts the win - ter's snow and ice,
2 Through the days of wait - ing, watch - ing, in the des - ert of our sin,
3 Praise be giv - en to the mak - er of the sea - sons' year - ly round:



with its slow - ly grow - ing ra - diance warms the seed be - neath the earth,
search - ing on the far ho - ri - zon for a sign of cloud or wind,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it—Source, Sus - tain - er, Lord of life,



may the sun of Christ's up - ris - ing gent - ly bring our hearts to life.
we a - wait the heal - ing wa - ters of our Sav - ior's vic - to - ry.
as the ev - er turn - ing a - ges roll to their e - ter - nal rest.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace; created for beloved community of God.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *My Song is Love Unknown*

Welsh hymn tune *Rhosymedre*
setting by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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Please join us for upcoming Wednesday services, livestreamed at 6:00 p.m., followed by zoom conversation “Acting Against Racism” at 6:30 p.m.:

Wed, Feb. 24 ~ In Community with Creation (Reflection from the Rova family)

Wed, March 3 ~ In Community with all the Saints (Colleen Birt)

Wed, March 10 ~ In Community with our Neighbor (Denise Scheer)

Wed, March 17 ~ In Community with those on the Margins (Cindy Monroe)

Wed, March 24 ~ In Community with Christ (Brian Peterson & Paul Anderson)

FLC Community Conversations on Racism and Justice - Wednesdays from 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Immediately following each service at 6:30 pm will be an FLC community discussion via zoom, using the articles & conversation guide *Acting Against Racism* published by Christian Century. Please join in this important conversation as we learn and grow together!

The Zoom discussion group begins following the services at 6:30 pm. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88382398856?pwd=SkE4RkFJa1FPQ1lrVUtiRXJPdlkxZz09>

Link to the *Acting Against Racism* document: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mrYOqNXABKJFrvnNJ-rZljjr5mKEwwBl/view?usp=sharing>

Article Reading & Discussion schedule

Feb 17 - "Becoming less defensive about White privilege"

Feb. 24 - "James Baldwin reminds us not to be surprised by this"

March 3 - "I believe racism is wrong. So what?"

March 10 - "How do we know Black lives matter to God?"

March 17 - "Why are so many White Americans standing up for racial justice?"

March 24 - "Wearing down structural evil with the ministry of erosion"

*The Sanctuary is open for quiet prayer and reflection each Wednesday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Use the Superior St. entrance door leading directly into the Sanctuary.*

Order Lilies or Tulips for Easter

Help beautify the sanctuary with Lilies or Tulips for the Easter Season.

If you are interested, please fill out this form and attach a check (made out to FLC).

Please note that we have a limited number of plants available due to COVID-19.

Return to church office by Mon., March 29th.

Name _____ Phone # _____

of Lilies _____ at \$13 each = \$ _____

of Tulips _____ at \$18 each = \$ _____

Given in memory of / in honor of (circle one):



First Lutheran Church, dedicated to the mission of Jesus Christ, welcomes YOU into this community of faith, where we share life in its entirety, with all its joys and sorrows. We believe all people are created in the image of God and are offered God's love, grace, and forgiveness, regardless of religious tradition, age, gender identity, race, education, economic status, sexual orientation, family structure, mental or physical abilities. We acknowledge the indigenous culture of this land.

We extend a special welcome in Christ's love.

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