



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

**5th Sunday of Lent
Sunday, April 7, 2019**



PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,
✠ one God, who gathers us in the
wilderness to redeem us, anoint us,
and make us new.

C: **Amen.**

P: In these forty days, let us be honest,
confess our sin, and receive God's
promise of mercy. *(A brief silence.)*

Gracious God,

**C: we have wandered far from your home;
again and again, we lose our way.**

We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

P: Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of † Christ, leading you from death into life.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“My Song Is Love Unknown” - verses 1,2,6,7

**My song is love unknown,
my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.**

**Oh, who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?**

**He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend;
who at my need his life did spend!**

**In life, no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death, no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.**

**What may I say? Heav'n was his home;
but mine the tomb wherein he lay;
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.**

**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!
I all my days could gladly spend!**

P: 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.

INTRODUCTION

P: The Lord our God makes all things new.
In the first reading God promises it.
In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing
Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation
for the day of his burial.

In the second reading we recall the transformation of Saul, the persecutor, into Paul, the apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. *(A brief silence.)* Creator God,

C: **you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from Isaiah, the 43rd chapter.

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 126

R: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

C: **Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they
said among the nations, “The LORD has done
great things for them.”**

R: The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

**C: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the
watercourses of the Negeb.**

R: Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

C: Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

A reading from Philippians, the 3rd chapter.

Paul writes: If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, with a fermata over the final note. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of text. The third staff concludes the piece with a final cadence. The lyrics are written below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair.

The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)

Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON
“Extravagant Love”

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Be Thou My Vision”*

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Martin Luther's Explanation to the The 3rd Article of the Creed: ON BEING MADE HOLY

C: I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy, and kept me in the true faith,

just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins - mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

(A brief silence.) God of resurrection and new life, inspire your church to reconsider what makes us holy. When we focus on our own piety or others' sin, show us Christ's faithfulness.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Wherever destruction by flood, famine, or fire has devastated land and lives, cause green shoots to spring up, giving hope and vision for your promised future.
Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Where nations are embroiled in chaos and unrest, cut a clear path for your people to follow. Lead us in ways of reconciliation, and foretell the new things you prepare.
Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Wipe away the tears of those who weep under the burdens of hard labor and despair (*especially*). Restore them, and bring them into the joy of your presence. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Permeate this world with the sweet perfume of Christ's anointing. Fill your people with such gratitude that it spills over into service of those who are poor or in any need.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Accompany those for whom death draws near. Bring us with all your saints to receive the abundance of heavenly glory through the covenant Christ sealed in his death and resurrection. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Reveal your will as you receive our prayers,
and conform our ways to your ways; through
the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

~VIDEO DURING OFFERING ~

“Greatness of our God”

by Newsboys

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**We give thee but thine own,
whatever the gift may be,
All that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**May we though bounties thus,
as stewards true receive,
And gladly as though blessed us,
to thee our first fruits give.**

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.

C: **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks and praise to the
Lord our God.

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”*

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
cleansing me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring;
simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

TODAY AT 3-5PM - 'Worship Without Worry'

Free to attend: Faith Lutheran Church will host a presentation to provide information on what you should do in case of the unthinkable: an active shooter situation at church. Local area churches have also been invited to attend this is meeting, provided by the South Beloit Police Dept.

































OPENING HYMN “*Lead Me To Calvary*”

**King of my life, I crown Thee now,
Thine shall the glory be;
Lest I forget Thy thorn crowned brow,
lead me to Calvary.**

Chorus:

***Lest I forget Gethsemane,
Lest I forget Thine agony;
Lest I forget Thy love for me,
Lead me to Calvary.***

**Show me the tomb where Thou wast laid,
tenderly mourned and wept;
Angels in robes of light arrayed
Guarded Thee whilst Thou slept.**

Chorus:

***Lest I forget Gethsemane,
Lest I forget Thine agony;
Lest I forget Thy love for me,
Lead me to Calvary.***

**Let me like Mary, through the gloom,
Come with a gift to Thee;
Show to me now the empty tomb,
lead me to Calvary.**

Chorus:

***Lest I forget Gethsemane,
Lest I forget Thine agony;
Lest I forget Thy love for me,
Lead me to Calvary.***

**May I be willing, Lord, to bear
daily my cross for Thee;
Even Thy cup of grief to share,
Thou hast borne all for me.**

Chorus:

***Lest I forget Gethsemane,
Lest I forget Thine agony;
Lest I forget Thy love for me,
Lead me to Calvary.***

CLOSING HYMN

“The Church's One Foundation”

**The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.**

**From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.**

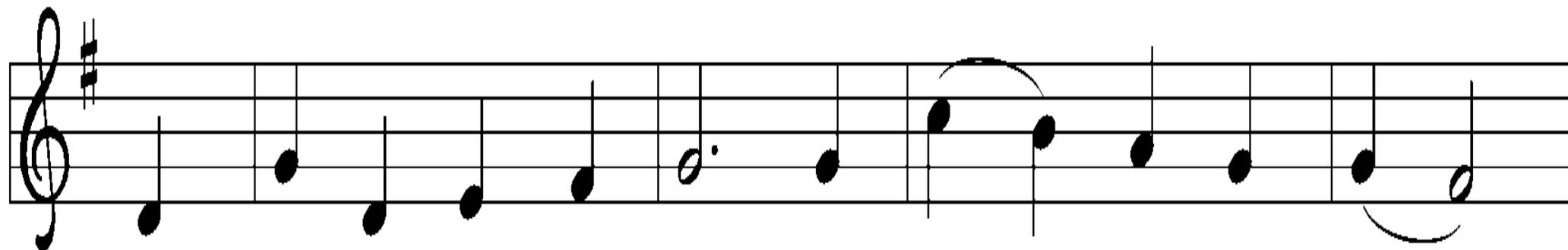
**Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.**

**Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face.**

Offertory Response



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

**To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.**

**Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!**