

*Welcome to Worship at  
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection*

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT—MARCH 21, 2021**

**11:00 A.M.**

**INTRODUCTION**

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 —**

**WELCOME & WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Adorn your sacred space with flowers and other beautiful signs of life.*

**SABBATH REFLECTION** “Healer of Our Every Ill”- setting, Aaron David Miller  
*Helen Weiss Phelps, piano*

**INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ.  
Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Fountain of living water,

**pour out your mercy over us.**

**Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.**

**Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn.**

**Wash us in your cleansing flood.**

**Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus,  
as healers and restorers of the world you so love.**

**Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:

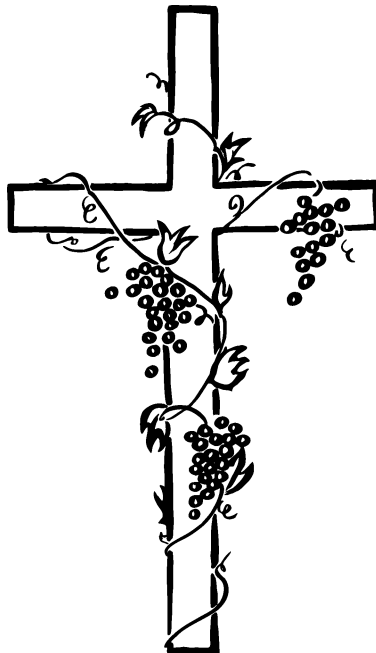
by the saving love of Jesus Christ,

the wisdom and power of God,

your sins are ✝️ forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

Journey in the way of Jesus.

**Amen.**



**GATHERING SONG "Jesus Messiah" –D. Carson / C. Tomlin / E. Cash / J. Reeves**



1. He be-came sin Who knew no sin, that we might be-come His  
 2. His bod - y, the bread; His blood, the wine; bro - ken and poured out



right-eous-ness. He hum - bled Him self and car-ried the cross.  
 all for love. The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.



Love, so a-maz - ing. Love, so a-maz - ing.



Je-sus, Mes-si - ah. name a-bove all names;



bless-ed Re-deem - er, Em-man - u - el.



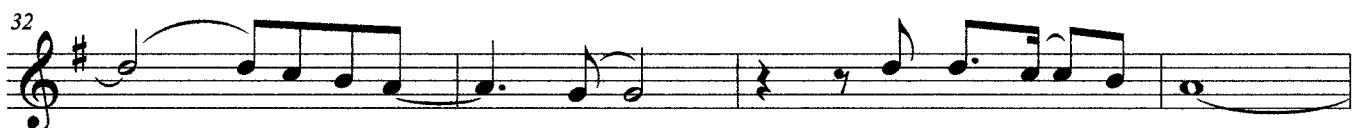
The res-cue for sin - ners, the ran-som from heav - en;



Je-sus, Mes-si - ah, Lord of all. All our hope



is in You, all our hope is in You. All the glo-



- - ry to You, God, the Light of the world.


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36  
  
 Je-sus, Mes-si\_\_\_ ah, name a-bove all\_\_\_ names;

40  
  
 bless-ed Re-deem - er,\_\_\_ Em-man - u - el. \_\_\_

44  
  
 The res-cue for sin - ners, the ran-som from heav\_\_\_ en;

48  
  
 Je-sus, Mes-si - ah, Lord of all. Je-sus, Mes-si -

53  
  
 - ah, Lord of all,\_\_\_ the Lord of all,\_\_\_

58  
  
 the Lord\_\_\_ of all. \_\_\_\_\_

## 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

Let us pray. 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—

**CHILDREN'S HOMILY**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

*The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.*

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It 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. <sup>33</sup>But 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. <sup>34</sup>No 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 51:1-12** (*read responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**<sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.

**<sup>4</sup>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.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.

**<sup>6</sup>Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

**<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my wickedness.

**<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10**

*Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.*

<sup>5</sup>Christ 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”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

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

<sup>7</sup>In 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. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

On my heart im - print your im - age, Bless-ed Je - sus, king of grace,  
 That life's trou - bles nor its plea-sures Ev - er may your work e-raise;  
 Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,  
 Is my life, my hope's foun - da-tion, All my glo-ry and sal-va - tion!

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### GOSPEL: John 12:20-33 from *The Message*

*Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.*

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

#### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>20</sup> There were some Greeks in town who had come up to worship at the Feast.

<sup>21</sup> They approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee: "Sir, we want to see Jesus. Can you help us?" <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew. Andrew and Philip together told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered, "Time's up. The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> "Listen carefully: Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, dead to the world, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it is buried, it sprouts and reproduces itself many times over. <sup>25</sup> In the same way, anyone who holds on to life just as it is destroys that life. But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you'll have it forever, real and eternal. <sup>26</sup> "If any of you wants to serve me, then follow me. Then you'll be where I am, ready to serve at a moment's notice. The

Father will honor and reward anyone who serves me. <sup>27</sup> "Right now I am storm-tossed. And what am I going to say? 'Father, get me out of this'? No, this is why I came in the first place. <sup>28</sup> I'll say, 'Father, put your glory on display.'" A voice came out of the sky: "I have glorified it, and I'll glorify it again." <sup>29</sup> The listening crowd said, "Thunder!" Others said, "An angel spoke to him!" <sup>30</sup> Jesus said, "The voice didn't come for me but for you. <sup>31</sup> At this moment the world is in crisis. Now Satan, the ruler of this world, will be thrown out. <sup>32</sup> And I, as I am lifted up from the earth, will attract everyone to me and gather them around me." <sup>33</sup> He put it this way to show how he was going to be put to death.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HOMILY** "Life Giving Death"

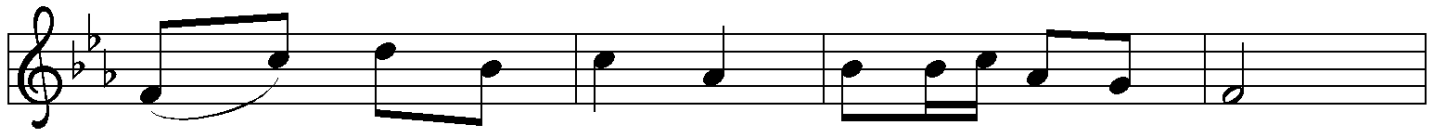
Pastor Dave Helfrich







1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

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**APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**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.

### **EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **—THANKSGIVING—**

*Collect an **OFFERING** for God's mission. Financial gifts can be made online [www.lcrmarietta.org/give](http://www.lcrmarietta.org/give), Canned food can also be collected.*

*LCR Musicians also have a musical offering to glorify God*

**MUSICAL OFFERING** "Open the Eyes of My Heart"                      –setting, Tom Crawford

### **CONSECRATION OF PLEDGES**

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world,  
and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, You wash us through and through and remember our sin no more.  
Make your church a community of forgiveness throughout the world. Give your people  
courage to forgive; through them show the world new possibilities. Bless ministries of  
repentance and reconciliation.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You fill the earth—from tiny grains of wheat to the mighty thunder—with your presence, and you call us to attend to your will for all creation. Grant weather that prepares the soil for seeds; protect all from violent storms, flooding, and wildfires.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You promise to write your law on our hearts. Guide citizens throughout the world to shape communities that reflect your mercy, justice, and peace, and give them creativity to work for the welfare of all.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Restore the joy of all who need to know your presence: those who are lonely or feel unforgivable, those who need healing of mind or body, those who are dying, and all who grieve.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Jesus calls us to follow him in life and death. Empower this congregation in discipleship. Equip children and teachers in Sunday school, confirmation, and learning ministries. Give us your truth and wisdom and teach us to follow Jesus.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In the cross of Christ, your name is glorified. We praise you for those who have given us words to worship you. With all those who have died in Christ, bring us into life everlasting. Hear us, O God.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**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**

## **— SENDING —**

### **MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

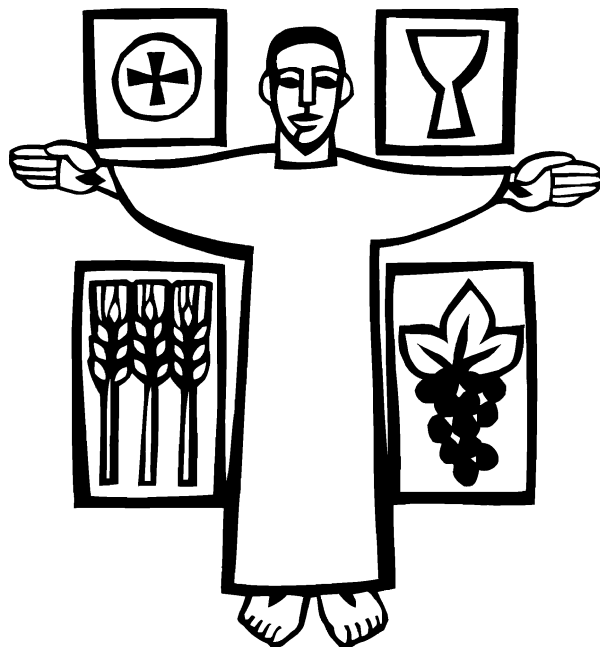
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, ✝ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**



# SENDING SONG "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

-R. Founds

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'VERSE' and contains the lyrics 'Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your'. The second staff continues with 'prais - es. I'm so glad you're in my life,'. The third staff is labeled 'CHORUS' and contains 'I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heav-en to earth'. The fourth staff continues with 'to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,'. The fifth staff continues with 'from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;'. The sixth staff concludes with 'Lord, I lift your name on high.' and includes a double bar line. Above the final staff, there are two lines of text: '1st x back to VERSE' and '2nd x back to CHORUS'. Measure numbers 4, 7, 10, 13, and 15 are indicated at the beginning of their respective staves.

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the Good News!

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE "Now the Green Blade Rises"

-setting Tom Crawford

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