

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD

2nd Sunday in Lent

MARCH 5, 2023

8AM IN PERSON WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

God of grace and mercy,

We admit to you, to ourselves, and to this community that we have caused harm to others through our actions and through our failure to act. Give us the humility to accept our failings and make things right where we can. Forgive us and help us to forgive ourselves.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. In that love God forgives you all your sin, for the sake of our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

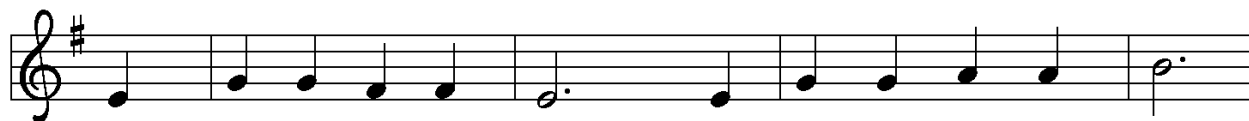
"For the Fruit of All Creation"

ELW 679

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.



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Gracious God,

You call us all into your holy work, and reward according to your generosity, rather than our deserving. Give us the same heart of generosity toward others, in Jesus' name. Amen.

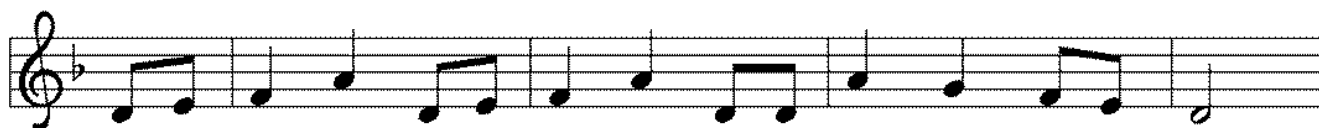
Please be seated.

A READING FROM PSALM 16:5-8

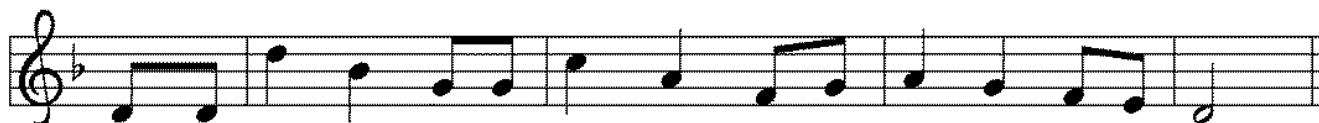
⁵The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. ⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. ⁷I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. ⁸I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

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.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 20:1-16 (CEV)

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve. The parable was hard to hear, but God's generosity is always good news.

As Jesus was telling what the kingdom of heaven would be like, he said:

Early one morning a man went out to hire some workers for his vineyard. ²After he had agreed to pay them the usual amount for a day's work, he sent them off to his vineyard. ³About nine that morning, the man saw some other people standing in the market with nothing to do. ⁴He promised to pay them what was fair, if they would work in his vineyard. ⁵So they went. At noon and again about three in the afternoon he returned to the market. And each time he made the same agreement with others who were loafing around with nothing to do. ⁶Finally, about five in the afternoon the man went back and found some others standing there. He asked them, "Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?" ⁷"Because no one has hired us," they answered. Then he told them to go work in his vineyard. ⁸That evening the owner of the vineyard told the man in charge of the workers to call them in and give them their money. He also told the man to begin with the ones who were hired last. ⁹When the workers arrived, the ones who had been hired at five in the afternoon were given a full day's pay. ¹⁰The workers who had been hired first thought they would be given more than the others. But when they were given the same, ¹¹they began complaining to the owner of the vineyard. ¹²They said, "The ones who were hired last worked for only one hour. But you paid them the same that you did us. And we worked in the hot sun all day long!" ¹³The owner answered one of them, "Friend, I didn't cheat you. I paid you exactly what we agreed on. ¹⁴Take your money now and go! What business is it of yours if I want to pay them the same that I paid you? ¹⁵Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Why should you be jealous, if I want to be generous?" ¹⁶Jesus then said, "So it is. Everyone who is now last will be first, and everyone who is first will be last."

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD. PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

REFLECTION

Pastor Kara Baylor

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" vs. 1, 3 & 4

ELW 712

OFFERING PRAYER

O God, do not let us think we can decide what others deserve to have. Give us hearts as generous as yours, that we might offer our gifts in service to your children with no strings attached. Bless what we bring before you today, for your work of compassion and justice in the world. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

Trusting in the promise of Jesus Christ's unending love, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Merciful God, **You hear our prayer.**

We lift these prayers to you, Gracious God, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, our savior.
Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

At this time, we will prepare hearts to receive the gift of Holy Communion.

*If you will be staying in your seat for communion today, please bring out your pre-sealed communion cups
at this time so we can bless the elements together.*

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORD'S OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ calls us into service for the sake of the world, and nourishes us on his own body and blood. Come share in the feast of generosity that knows no bounds. This holy meal is for you. Come and eat.

*Please be seated as we share the gift of communion, remember that ALL are welcome to the table.
The Pastor will share with you the options for receiving communion today.*

LAMB OF GOD

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN

"O Master, Let Me Walk with You"

ELW 818

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

God, the giver of love, ✝ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

ELW 324

SENDING

Go in peace, as we share the Resurrection by:

Loving Jesus, Changing Lives, and Reaching Out to Serve. Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

We look forward to you and/or your family joining us:

Wednesday – March 8 – 12:30pm & 6:30pm In Person Worship

Soup lunch at 11:30am before the 12:30pm service

Sunday, March 12

8am - In Person Worship

9:15am – Sunday School

10am – In Person & Livestream Worship

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For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

vs. 1, 3 & 4



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crating to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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O Master, Let Me Walk with You



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.

Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

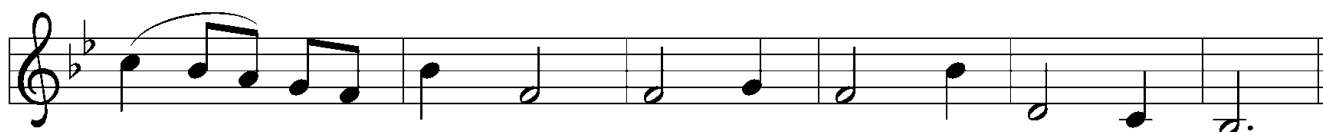
In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, from the cross the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872

Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in the promise of Jesus Christ's unending love, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Loving God, Jesus taught us of the love you so generously give us, though we cannot earn it. Receive our humble gratitude for your abundant blessings. Merciful God, **You hear our prayer.**

Teach us to lavish extravagant care on all that you have made. Make this planet whole for the benefit of all who call it home. Merciful God, **You hear our prayer.**

As we walk together on this journey of Lent, give us the humility to see where we have desired more than our due. Free us from greed, that we might respond with generosity to all people. Merciful God, **You hear our prayer.**

Heal all who are in need of your care and attention; all those who hurt in body, mind, or spirit, *especially Brad, Joyce, Barb, Myrna, Jim, Mardell, Shirley, Pastor Kara, Sandy, Doris, and Mark.* Merciful God, **You hear our prayer.**

As we reflect on the ways we desire to change, help us also to see the ways we show up just the way we should. Help us to live contentedly with ourselves and with all people. Merciful God, **You hear our prayer.**

We thank you for all the saints who have labored in your vineyard for the sake of the gospel. Give us that same commitment until we all taste the fruits of your sacred vine together. Merciful God, **You hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and hold all for whom we pray in your loving arms, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**