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Sunday in Lent



March 21, 2021
First Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent

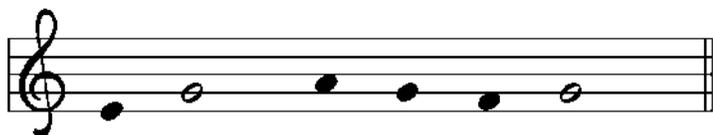
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PRELUDE

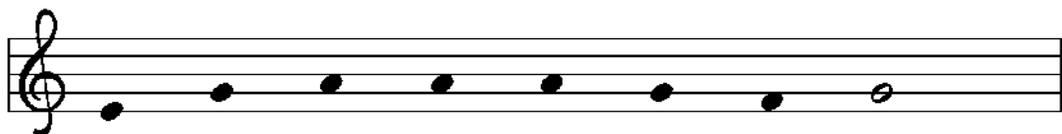
Charles Callahan

NEAR THE CROSS
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

THE OPENING



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

THE CONFESSION

P: As a community of faith, we celebrate:

C: God is among us!

P: Together we are called:

C: To go out!

P: We are called:

C: To care for all!

P: We are called:

C: To proclaim the gospel!

P: We are called:

C: To forgive and reconcile!

P: We are called:

C: To trust God for all that we need!

P: As a people of faith, we have forgotten our calling. We have forgotten to care for our neighbor. We have failed to proclaim the gospel. We seek forgiveness, and we long to fully trust God for everything. Knowing our brokenness, we turn to God with a repentant heart. Together, let us confess our sins:

A time of silence and reflection

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us. For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

- P: For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:
- C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**
- P: For the misuse of human relationships, and for our unwillingness to see the image of God in others:
- C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**
- P: For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:
- C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**
- P: For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:
- C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**
- P: For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:
- C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**
- P: For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:
- C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

CELEBRATING FORGIVENESS

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

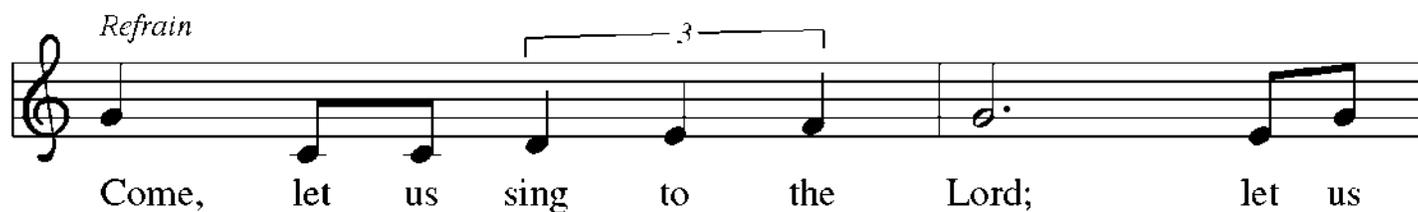
THE PSALMODY



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.



Refrain

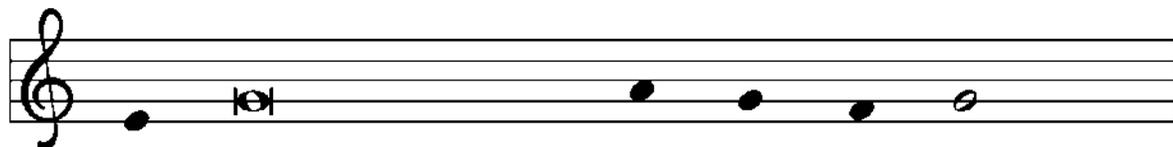
Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us



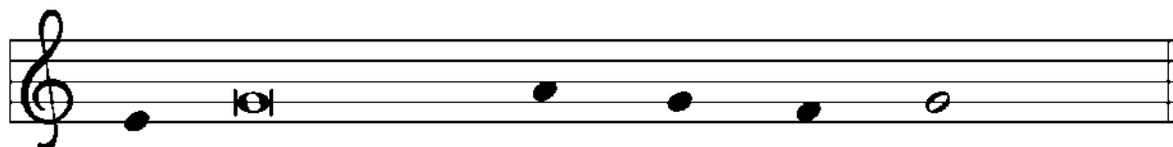
shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

Verses will be sung by our Cantor.

Final response:



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

READING FROM ISAIAH 42:1-9

R: A reading from Isaiah the 42nd chapter.

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,

⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

R: Word of God, Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God!

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

THE GOSPEL

MARK 10:32-45

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³²They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; ³⁴they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again."

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

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 - diancè 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

SERMON

Rev. Clayton J. Bailey

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

Refrain

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God the
dawn from on high shall break up - on us.

The verses will be sung by our Cantor.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith as expressed in the words of the 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.**

MEDITATION

Robert Hebble

Reflections for Organ

I. RATHBUN

II. NEAR THE CROSS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**



Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

THE BLESSING

P: You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, free to serve your neighbor. May God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you, that you may be a blessing to others.



A - men

JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. For God is Among Us!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

David Cherwien

*Toccata on RATHBUN
In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

Today's Flowers are given in loving memory of Kristi Loy-Hetzel
by her friends.

This same group of friends have also purchased a set of four banners
titled *Lift Up Your Heart* in Kristi's memory.
When you see them displayed around First, the hope
is that they DO lift your heart!



Today's Worship Leaders

<i>Cantor:</i>	Victor Welsch	<i>Facebook Camera:</i>	Wendy Bailey Andrew Bailey
<i>Host:</i>	Deb Hohman	<i>SlideShow Creator:</i>	Pastor Bailey
<i>Lector:</i>	Melissa Chester	<i>SlideShow Operator:</i>	John Bailey
<i>Director of Music:</i>	Curtis L. King	<i>Pastor:</i>	Rev. Clayton J. Bailey

We could not offer multiple platforms for sharing worship
"Apart...yet Together"
without an entire crew of people working to make the magic happen.

Weekly Announcements



In place of our traditional Midweek Lenten Service, you and your family are invited to join Pastor Bailey in the chapel for a time of prayer and individual communion. The chapel will be open from 2 – 4 and from 5:30 – 7:30. No appointments are necessary.

“This is my Body. This is my Blood!” Together all youth who have not yet received their first communion are welcome to join Pastor Bailey following worship as we prepare to gather around the Table of Holy Communion. Classes will take place **TODAY** and March 28 in the Dietz Room. Our service for First Communion will be on Maundy Thursday, April 1st at 7 p.m. If you have any questions please contact the church office.



Celebrating Holy Week



Maundy Thursday

April 1st, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

April 2nd, at 7:00 p.m.

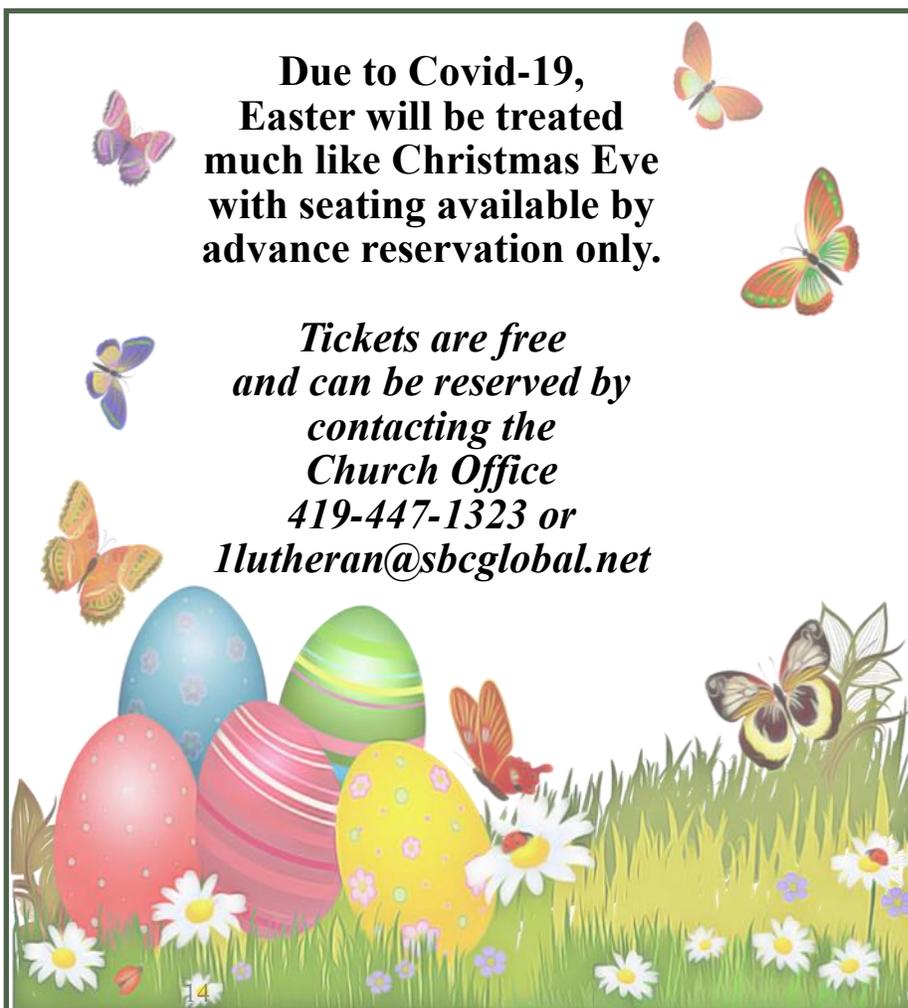
Easter Sunday

Together we celebrate the glories of the Resurrection on Sunday:

April 4th, at 10:00 a.m.

Due to Covid-19, Easter will be treated much like Christmas Eve with seating available by advance reservation only.

Tickets are free and can be reserved by contacting the Church Office 419-447-1323 or lutheran@sbcglobal.net



If you would like to order an Easter Lily to help beautify the Nave for Easter, you may do so using the Easter Lily envelopes provided in the lobby area or in the Church Office. Lily envelopes will be available beginning Sunday, March 7th.

Each lily will be \$10.

Completed envelopes may be brought to the Church Office.

All designations must be received by March 30th if you wish your name and dedication to be included in the list of those who gave lilies.

First Lutheran Preschool/Extended Care will soon begin registration for our summer and fall programs. We will open registration to FLC members, starting Monday, March 22nd. Current families may register beginning Monday, March 29th. Registration will open to the general public on Tuesday, April 6th. If you have any questions, please call 419-447-1145.

The next West Ohio Food Bank distribution will take place Thursday, March 25th. Volunteers are always needed and much appreciated. Distribution begins at 1:00. Volunteers can report by 12:30.

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