



JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP
ONLINE 9:30AM CST
IN PERSON 10:00AM CST
MARCH 21, 2021

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION
5th Sunday in Lent

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS *(Modified from Disrupt Worship Project)*

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another, that we may turn towards God and begin the work of repentance.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful, life-giving God,

we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have embraced individualism, valuing competition over cooperation and failing to function as the whole Body of Christ. Wanting recognition but not accountability, we advocate for our way as the one right way instead of seeking to learn together. We are sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of Jesus your Beloved, forgive us our sin that we may live more fully your kin-dom of accountability and mutual care.

Amen.

Hear the promise of God, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist: you are saved by faith and your sin is forgiven. Through God's love, mercy, and justice, and by God's choosing, you have been set free from sin. Now, with renewed hearts, let us serve others and honor the world God made, knowing the good news we have received is for all people. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

ELW 759

GREETING *(Modified from Illustrated Ministry)*

As we come together during this Lenten season, we invite you to explore the many treasures you have in your life, some are physical, and some are invisible, yet still they both greatly matter and guide our lives. May we wonder more deeply during this season about what kinds of treasures matter, why we store treasures, and the power these treasures have in our lives.

Amen.

KYRIE *(Modified from Disrupt Worship Project)*

For the times we prize our self-interest,
our treasures and individuality over the well-being of others.

Lord, have mercy.

For the ways in which we treat others as less than
based on what we see instead of seeing through the eyes of Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For the ways in which progress, perfection, and fear of conflict
get in the way of the matters of the heart and love.

Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.... O God,

with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth spirit filled new beginnings, that through life and death we may live through the life, death and resurrection your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, now and forever.

Amen.

THE PSALM

Psalm 119:9-16

⁹How shall the young keep their way clean? By keeping to your word.

¹⁰With my whole heart I seek you; let me not stray from your commandments.

¹¹I treasure your promise in my heart, that I may not sin against you.

¹²Blessed are you, O Lord; instruct me in your statutes.

¹³With my lips I recite all the judgments of your mouth.

¹⁴I take greater delight in the way of your decrees than in all manner of riches.

¹⁵I will meditate on your commandments and give attention to your ways.

¹⁶My delight is in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL STORY

Matthew 13:44-46

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

The Gospel of Our Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON REFLECTION

Pastor Karen Pahl

REFLECTION HYMN

“Change My Heart, O God”

CCLI# 1565

OFFERING PRAYER

O Lord God,
we want our hearts to follow you and to love only you, not worship the things of this world; we want to love our neighbor freely, not desiring for ourselves the things they possess. Accept these offerings both given and received we pray, and teach us to be generous, giving fully of ourselves, that we may truly be the body of Christ in this world.

Amen.

THE CREED

“This I Believe – The Creed”

CCLI# 7018338

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Pause after each prayer for a brief time of reflection.

L: Hear us O God, **C: 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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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.

BLESSING

May God ✝ keep you in peace and lead you to an open heart that grants understanding.
May Jesus' way of serving call you to serve one another and begin restoration.
May the Spirit inspire you to a transforming love that celebrates all people and all creation.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Go Out With Joy"

CCLI # 61536

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 next week

for Online Worship - Sunday at 9:30 AM and

In Person Sanctuary Worship at 10:00 AM

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via tchurch e-mail or call the office

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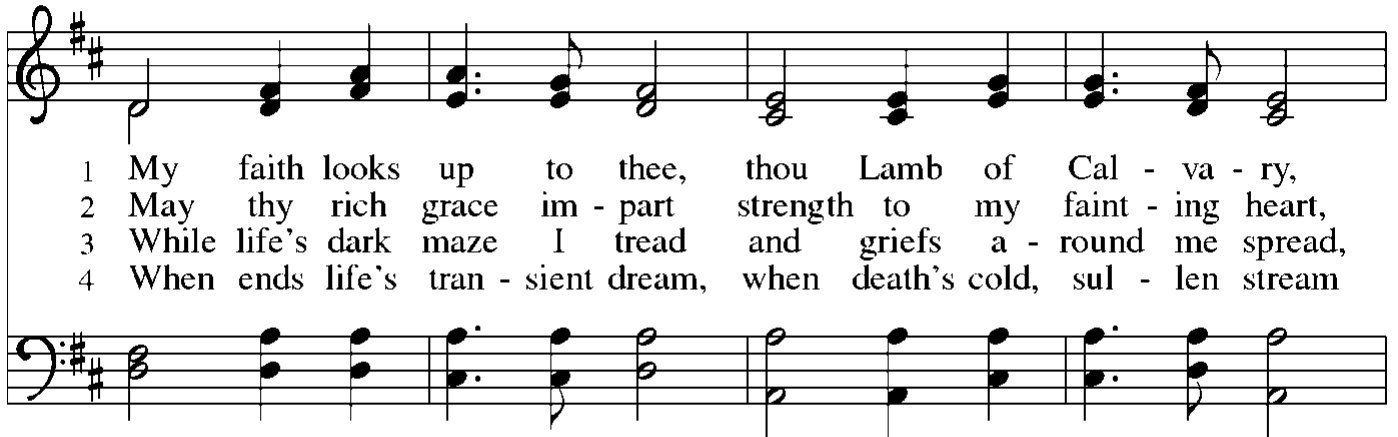
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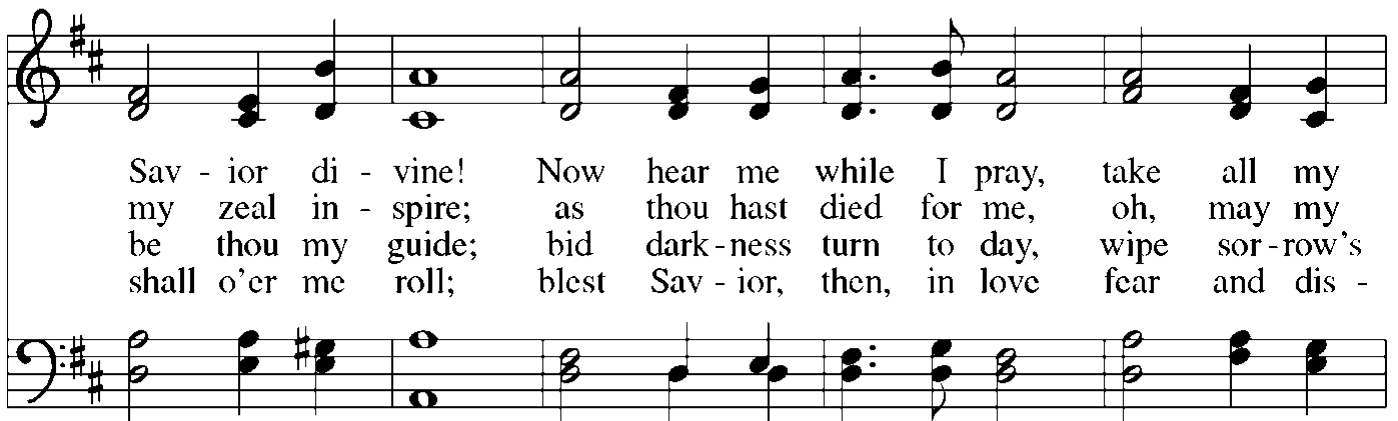
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My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

THIS I BELIEVE (The Creed)

Verse 1

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One, God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

Chorus 1

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Verse 2

Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

Bridge

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

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CHANGE MY HEART OH GOD

Chorus

Change my heart oh God

Make it ever true

Change my heart oh God

May I be like You

Verse

You are the potter

I am the clay

Mold me and make me

This is what I pray

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GO OUT WITH JOY

Chorus

Go out with joy
And be led forth in peace
The mountains and the hills
Shall break forth singing

Verse

And all the trees of the field
Shall clap their hands
The Lord Jehovah shall be praised
And all the trees of the field
Shall clap their hands
The Word of the Lord
Shall be forever

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

A brief silence.

In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance; teach us to trust always in the good news of your salvation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You have made a covenant of mercy with every living creature. Protect all the earth's creatures from destruction. Empower the work of biologists, conservationists, science educators, and those who continue to produce and distribute the COVID vaccines.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

All your paths are full of steadfast love and faithfulness. Direct the words and actions of the leaders in our community, in our capital and throughout the world, that they may maintain justice and peace for all. Be with communities that experience unexpected tragedies and give them peace, strength, leadership and justice. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For all those who are hungry, for those who need a warm place to live, for those struggling with mental health issues, those who are challenged with immigration issues, for those exhausted from stress, worry and life struggles, for those caring for people with COVID, those who are administering the COVID vaccines and coordinating the process, and for all who are in need of healing prayers; especially..... Rayann, Scott, Pastor Kara, Betty, Joyce, Mark & Nancy, Adele, Bill, Don, Sandy, Earl & Hazel, Sandy, Jim, Kit, Mel, Jacki, Julie and Shirley.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In baptism you join us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise you for all those who have died trusting in your faithfulness. Bring us with them to the fullness of your reign. 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.