

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION
LAST JUDGEMENT

5th Sunday in Lent

MARCH 26, 2023

10AM IN PERSON & LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

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GATHERING SONG

WELCOME & GREETING

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us rejoice in God.

Let us sing with all creation.

God rules the earth with justice,

And calls us to do justice for others.

OPENING SONG

"Be Near Us Lord Jesus"

CCLI# 806227

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Loving God,

You live in each and every one of us. Help us to see you in the face of all people, that we might act in justice and mercy to all in need, in Jesus name. Amen.

Please be seated.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 24:1-3, 25:31-46 (TLB)

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him. Jesus expects his followers to act with Kindness, generosity, and selflessness; inaction is as bad or worse than wrong actions.

As Jesus was leaving the Temple grounds, his disciples came along and wanted to take him on a tour of the various Temple buildings. ² But Jesus told them, "All these buildings will be knocked down, with not one stone left on top of another!" ³ "When will this happen?" the disciples asked

him later, as he sat on the slopes of the Mount of Olives. “What events will signal your return and the end of the world?”

³¹ “When I, the Messiah, shall come in my glory, and all the angels with me, then I shall sit upon my throne of glory. ³² And all the nations shall be gathered before me. And I will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and place the sheep at my right hand, and the goats at my left. ³⁴ “Then I, the King, shall say to those at my right, ‘Come, blessed of my Father, into the Kingdom prepared for you from the founding of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me water; I was a stranger and you invited me into your homes; ³⁶ naked and you clothed me; sick and in prison, and you visited me.’ ³⁷ “Then these righteous ones will reply, ‘Sir, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you anything to drink? ³⁸ Or a stranger, and help you? Or naked, and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you?’ ⁴⁰ “And I, the King, will tell them, ‘When you did it to these my brothers, you were doing it to me!’ ⁴¹ Then I will turn to those on my left and say, ‘Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons. ⁴² For I was hungry and you wouldn’t feed me; thirsty, and you wouldn’t give me anything to drink; ⁴³ a stranger, and you refused me hospitality; naked, and you wouldn’t clothe me; sick, and in prison, and you didn’t visit me.’ ⁴⁴ “Then they will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?’ ⁴⁵ “And I will answer, ‘When you refused to help the least of these my brothers, you were refusing help to me.’ ⁴⁶ “And they shall go away into eternal punishment; but the righteous into everlasting life.”

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

REFLECTION

Pastor Brad Brown

SONG OF THE DAY

“Jesus Friend of Sinners”

CCLI# 6093697

OFFERING PRAYER

God of justice, so many are hungry, naked, sick, and imprisoned. Give us hearts to respond generously to the needs of others, and make us aware that in so doing, we are caring for you. We offer these gifts to your work of justice and equity in the world. Accept them, we pray, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **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

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.

WORDS 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 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, you who are blessed by God, to the feast prepared for you from the beginning of time. All is made ready. Come and be fed.

Please be seated as we share the gift of communion, remember that ALL are welcome to the table.

COMMUNION VIDEO

COMMUNION SONG

"I Love You Lord"

CCLI# 25266

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 SONG

"The Blessing"

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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:

Wednesday – March 29 – 12:30pm & 6:30pm In Person Worship

Soup lunch at 11:45am before the 12:30pm service

Palm Sunday, April 2

Cake & Pie Auction

8am - In Person Worship

10am – In Person & Livestream Worship

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Be Near Us Lord Jesus

Verse 1

Be here with us
As we gather together
As we join our hearts in praise
Be here moving
By Your Spirit among us
Teach us how to love and pray

Chorus

Be near us Lord Jesus
As we worship in Your name
Be near us Lord Jesus
As we worship in Your name today

Verse 2

Be the center
Of our worship together
In the sharing of Your word
Be the loving arms
To hold and surround us
Give us peace to rest assured

Chorus

Be near us Lord Jesus
As we worship in Your name
Be near us Lord Jesus
As we worship in Your name

Chorus

Be near us Lord Jesus
As we worship in Your name
Be near us Lord Jesus
As we worship in Your name today

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Jesus Friend Of Sinners

Verse 1

Jesus Friend of sinners
We have strayed so far away
We cut down people in Your name
But the sword was never ours to swing
Jesus Friend of sinners
The truth's become so hard to see
The world is on their way to You
But they're tripping over me
Always looking around but never looking up
I'm so double minded
A plank-eyed saint with dirty hands
And a heart divided

Chorus

(Oh) Jesus Friend of sinners
Open our eyes to the world
At the end of our pointing fingers
Let our hearts be led by mercy
Help us reach with open hearts and open doors
Oh Jesus Friend of sinners
Break our hearts for what breaks Yours

Verse 2

Jesus Friend of sinners
The One whose writing in the sand
Made the righteous turn away
And the stones fall from their hands
Help us to remember we are all the least of these
Let the mem'ry of Your mercy
Bring Your people to their knees
Nobody knows what we're for
Only what we're against when we judge the wounded
What if we put down our signs
Crossed over the lines
And loved like You did

Chorus

Bridge

You love ev'ry lost cause
You reach for the outcast
For the leper and the lame
They're the reason that You came
Lord I was that lost cause
And I was the outcast
But You died for sinners just like me
A grateful leper at Your feet

Bridge

('Cause) You are good
You are good
And Your love endures forever (3X)

Chorus

Ending

And I was the lost cause
And I was the outcast
Hey
You died for sinners just like me
A grateful leper at Your feet

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I Love You Lord

Chorus (twice)

I love You Lord
And I lift my voice
To worship You
O my soul rejoice
Take joy my King
In what You hear
May it be a sweet sweet sound
In Your ear

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The Blessing

Verse(twice)

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace

Chorus

Amen
Amen
Amen

Verse

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
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Chorus

Amen
Amen
Amen

Verse

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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.

Ever-present God, give us eyes to see you in the faces of others, that we might be Christ for them in their need. Help us too, to accept the help of others when we are in need. Merciful God, **You hear our prayer.**

Your blessed creation relies upon us to preserve, protect, and nurture it. Make us committed stewards of all the earth, that all might thrive. Merciful God, **You hear our prayer.**

As we walk together on this journey of Lent, give us the humility to see where we have failed to care for you. Free us from judgment, that we might love and serve all people regardless of who we think they are. Merciful God, **You hear our prayer.**

Strengthen caregivers, medical staff, and all who serve you by working for the health of others. Pour your healing blessing upon all who are ill or in pain, *especially Barb, Myrna, Jim, Mardell, Shirley, Pastor Kara, Sandy and Mark.* Merciful God, **You hear our prayer.**

Help us live in peace with all your children throughout the world. Make us ever mindful that you are in each of us, and we should treat one another accordingly. Merciful God, **You hear our prayer.**

We remember with thanksgiving all the saints who have clothed, fed, and visited countless people in need. Inspire us by their example to live in faithfulness to you. 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.**