

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION
LAST JUDGEMENT

5th Sunday in Lent
MARCH 26, 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

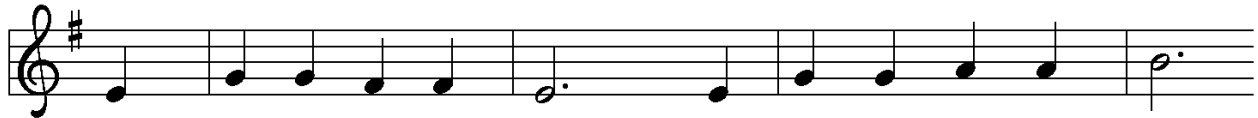
"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

ELW 659

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... 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.

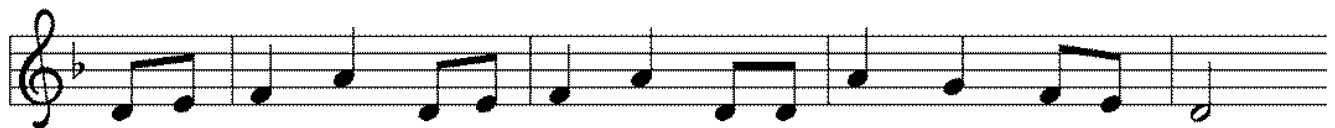
Please be seated.

A READING FROM PSALM 98:7-9

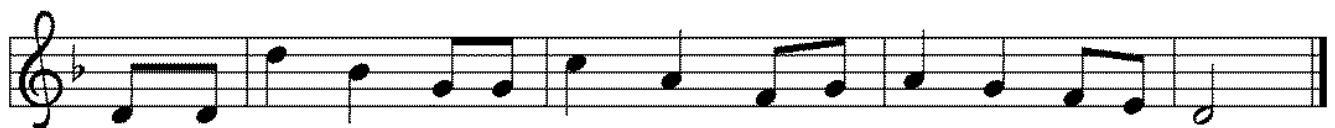
⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. ⁸Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy ⁹at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

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 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

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

ELW 729

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.

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.

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, 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

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.

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

"I Received the Living God"

ELW 477

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

"The Glory of These Forty Days"

ELW 320

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 29 – 12:30pm In Person Worship & 6:30pm Seder Meal

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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Will You Let Me Be Your Servant



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953

Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard

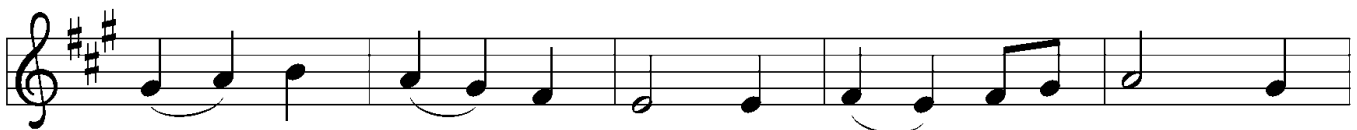
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The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

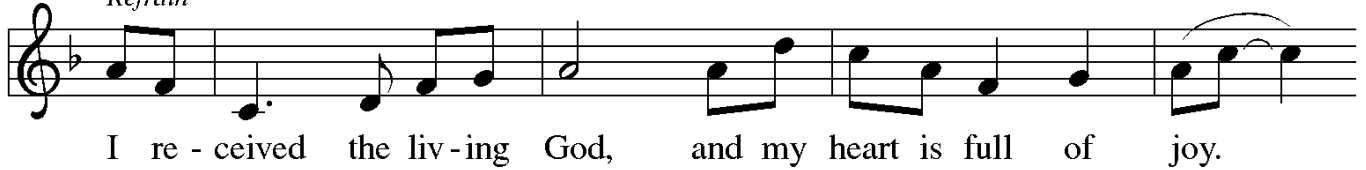
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I Received the Living God

Refrain



- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,

Refrain



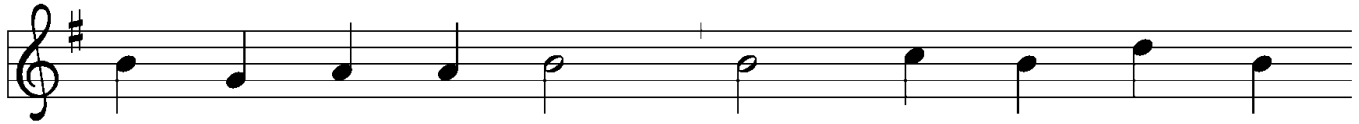
you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Text: Anonymous
Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

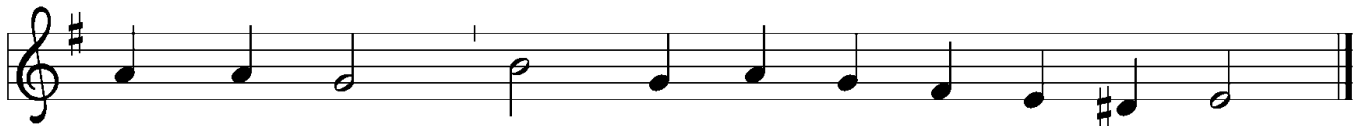
The Glory of These Forty Days



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered
 4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
 God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
 fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862-1947, alt.

Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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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.**