

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024, 9:30 AM

GATHERING HYMN “*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*”

ELW 803

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A Reading from Jeremiah the thirty first chapter:

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 51:1-12

To be read responsively

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother’s womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 12:20-33

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you O Lord**

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ**

HYMN OF THE DAY “*Now the Green Blade Rises*”

ELW 379
verses 1,2,4

CHOIR ANTHEM

SENDING HYMN “*Lift High the Cross*”

ELW 660
verses 1,2,4

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour - Please join us in Fields Hall

Easter Flowers - *Last day to order*, See order form in the Narthex or the Happenings.

Easter Egg Hunt - Zion is thrilled to be hosting our third family-friendly Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23rd at 11AM. This event is rain or shine. We will be collecting items for our Goody bags, (see wish list in the Happenings and Newsletter) please leave items in the Narthex. Items Needed for our Goody Bags, Candy & Snacks (no nuts), Small Easter toys. *To sign-up for the Egg Hunt see the Happenings or the Newsletter.*

Holy Week - Schedule

3/24 Palm Sunday

8:30AM Sunday School

9:30AM Begins with procession outside

3/28 Maundy Thursday

7:30PM Holy Communion service concluding with the stripping of the alter.

3/29 Good Friday

LV Good Friday Cross Walk for peace 11:45AM (gather at LV Presbyterian Church) procession to Zion with prayer stops along the way.

7:30PM Tenebrae Service of the Word

3/31 Easter Sunday

9:30AM Easter Sunday Service

10:35AM Easter Brunch

Lenten Soup and Vespers - March 20th.

Soup 6 -7PM followed by Vespers in the sanctuary 7-7:30PM. See the sign up for soup in Fields Hall.

Vacation Bible School - *Save the date:* June 24th - 28th 9AM– Noon.

For children age 3 - going into 5th grade. Volunteers needed.



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by:

*Michael & Lori Prussack in honor of their
34th Wedding Anniversary*

Thank you for serving as worship leaders today!

Acolyte: *Natalie Staada* **Communion Asst:** *Kerri Bataille*

Greeters: *Forlenza family* **Lector:** *Peggy Humcke*

Ushers: *Nick Staada & Bob Meling*

Virtual Facilitator: *Sheila Blaine & Amelia or Emalyn*

Child Care: *Sarah Rooney & Lyla Weth*

Bell Ringers: *The Drake family*

Wine & Bread: *The Laki family*

Altar Guild: *Malainie Stoma*

Coffee Hour: *Eric Tureson*

PRAYER CONCERNS

We continue to pray for:

Family of James & Lori Andershonis: *Beverly Vecchione*

Friends and family of Jeanette Baker: *Frank Baker, Alex Cunningham, Deborah Gruber, Linda Quinn*

Friend of Ellen Blaine : *Keith Correll, Carl Gerhard*

Family of Sheila Blaine: *Logen Rodriguez,*

Friend of Charlie & Marcia Davidson: *Gail Boyle*

Family and friends of Corey & Courtney Derr: *Gennaro Bryant, Lisa Moss Filson, Ralph Derr, Bessie Grant, Don Gunter.*

Family of Cathy DiLello: *Russell DiLello*

Craig & Marianne Dise: *Richard Barthelmeh*

Friends of Burt & Marcia Horner: *Bruce Adams, Rae Hoffman, David Swan, Joanne Yanchek*

Family of Jeanne Howell: *Jack Steffen*

Friend of Beth Johnson: *Tammy Jackman*

Family of Barbara Rennie: *Krista Gundersen. Alan Rennie*

Friends and family of Betty Rush: *Charlie Burd, Amy Burd, Kirk Klein, Ed Mancuso, Emily Mancuso, Pastor Melvin Travis*

Family of Ron & Barb Schulz: *Richard Schulz*

Friend of Dottie Weis: *Rich Bosley, Bretton Caws, Matt Dunbar, Bruce Engelbrecht, Kathy Hepner*

Friend of Zion: *Linda Daly,*

Members of Zion:

Ellen Blaine, Cathy DiLello, Donna East, Rob Johnson, Jay Kay, Sue Koeppen, Paul Litwiller, Jane Moore, John Resotka, Hannelore Seitz

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