

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - Saskatoon

Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 21, 2021

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PRAY



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GIVE

Order of Service

Prelude – “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” – Dale Wood

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

Gathering Song – “Jesus, Keep me Near the Cross” – ELW #335

Kyrie – #157

Prayer of the Day – **O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children’s Message

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It 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. But 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. No 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.

Psalm 51 Refrain

Be merciful, O Lord, we have sinned,

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Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness, in your compassion, blot out my offence.

Oh wash me more and more from my guilt and my sorrow, and cleanse me from all of my sin.

My offenses, truly I know them, and my sins are always before me;

Against you, alone have I sinned, O Lord, what is evil in your sight I have done.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, put your steadfast spirit in my soul.

Cast me not away from your presence, Oh Lord and take not your spirit from me.

Give back to me the joy of your salvation, let your willing spirit bear me up

and I shall teach your way to the ones who have wandered, and bring them all home to your side.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,
'You are my Son,
today I have begotten you';
as he says also in another place,
'You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Choir Anthem – "He Became a Lamb"

Lenten Acclamation – #176

The Holy Gospel: John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very 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. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'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. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Homily

Hymn of the Day – "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery" – ELW #334

Council Installation

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song – "The Lord Now Sends us Forth" – ELW #538

Postlude – "Christ, the Lord of Light and Life" – J.S. Bach

In Our Prayers: Derwin Hall, Andrea Nostbakken, Nandari Swamy, Martin, Weldeyesus family, Mallory Jess, Wally Cubbon, Cecelia Jurgens, Vibes Paulsen, Neil Taylor, Vi Stalwick, Dale Stalwick, Gloria Hamp, Lena & her family, Adam, Betty McManus, Aaron Froese, Glenn Wood, Borgny Lokken, Samhara & Saraq, Brenda Smith, Robert Reid, Slind Family, Arryn Hahn and family, Lisa Jockims family and friends, Jack Magnell and family, Thor Kliev, Charles Hedlin

Announcements:

The Bible “Book of the Month” Club meets Tuesdays from 12:30-2:00 on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84022384056?pwd=WTRYZGg4UEJZcVF4WnA0d29aQnJKUT09>

Meeting ID: 840 2238 4056 THEN Passcode: 509260

Join Pastor Ron for prayer 10:00 am Wednesday morning by Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7976999702>

Meeting ID: 797 699 9702 (No Passcode)

Lent & Easter Food Bank Challenge: instead of collecting food for the Food Bank, let's collect money to donate to the Food Bank! Could we collect \$500? Since giving to the needy is one of the Lenten disciplines, and since we have drastically fewer people physically in the church due to Covid, it just seems like a good idea to try something different. To join in the challenge: place a monetary donation in your church envelope and be sure to note that it is for the Food Bank. Leave the donation at the church office. We will continue collecting through Easter Sunday as we have had a late start.

Lenten Mid-Week services are being shared by the 7 ELCIC Churches via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89600870712?pwd=YjlxOEE5bUFyUE81QUUp0bGJpQXNKdz09>

Meeting ID: 896 0087 0712 THEN Passcode: 093604

Phone: 1 647 374 4685 Canada THEN 896 0087 0712 THEN Passcode: 093604zoom

An opportunity to join in further discussions with Pastor Ron during Lent are being held Thursday evenings via Zoom. The **Next STEP discussion** link is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85917198148?pwd=MThUaVFLRXdwaEdhRDVPNWpPWVRsZz09>

Meeting ID: 859 1719 8148 THEN Passcode: 001204

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Palm Sunday we are planning for in-person worship as well as online. Please call or email Kaylyn in the church office to pre-register if you plan on attending in person.

Maundy Thursday we are invited to join Bishop Sid Haugen for evening worship at 7:00 pm. The Zoom information is as follows: **Zoom link** for all [Holy week services](#) (**Meeting ID:** 843 1786 2145 **Passcode:** 306)

Parking Lot Communion will be available on **Maundy Thursday from 2-3 pm and 5-6 pm**. It helps in planning if you call ahead, but “walk-ups” and “drive-ins” are welcome!

A brief devotion for Stripping of the Altar will be held on **Maundy Thursday at 1:30 pm**. If you would like to participate, please call or email Kaylyn at the church office.

Good Friday Worship is at 11 am. Our maximum attendance is 60 persons; please register in advance. We are sharing The Triumph of the Cross service with all Saskatoon ELCIC congregations online.

Easter Sunday Worship is at 10:30 am. Our maximum attendance is 60 persons; please register in advance by calling or emailing Kaylyn in the office.

“Jesus, Keep me Near the Cross”

Jesus keep me near the cross
There's a precious fountain
Free to all a healing stream
Flows from Calvary's mountain
In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river

Near the cross a trembling soul
Love and mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star
Sheds its beams around me.
Refrain

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadow o'er me.
Refrain

Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand
Just beyond the river.
Refrain

“Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery”

Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry,
in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of hist'ry,
still you rise with ev'ry morn,
still you rise with ev'ry morn.

We remember truth once spoken,
love passed on through act and word;
ev'ry person lost and broken
wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.

Christ, you lead and we shall follow,
stumbling though our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow,
we the river, you the sea,
we the river, you the sea.

Living Water of salvation,
be the fountain of each soul;
springing up in new creation,
flow in us and make us whole,
flow in us and make us whole

“The Lord Now Sends us Forth”

The Lord now sends us forth
With hands to serve and give,
To make of all the earth
A better place to live
(repeat)

The angels are not sent
Into our world of pain
To do what we were meant
To do in Jesus' name;
That falls to you and me
And all who are made free
Help us o Lord, we pray
To do your will today
(repeat)