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John 12:33

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God’s love with all the world.

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by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through
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SERVICE OF THE WORD

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Five

The paraments are purple during the season of Lent, suggesting repentance and solemnity.

✠ GATHERING ✠

ACCLAMATION

Mark Mummert/Timothy Olsen

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains a single grain;
but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

(John 12:24)

OPENING VOLUNTARY Have Mercy on Me, O Lord God, BWV 721

J.S. Bach

We stand.

RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,

and of the ✠ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open,

all desires known,

and from whom no secrets are hid:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you

and worthily magnify your holy name,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,**

to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.

GATHERING HYMN 660 Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied tree,
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

After the prayer the assembly responds: Amen.

We sit.

WELCOME

✠ WORD ✠

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.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.*

Refrain: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

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

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

³For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

⁴Against 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.

⁶Indeed, 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 pur- | er than snow.

⁸Let 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.

¹⁰Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me. **℟**

¹¹Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit. **℟**

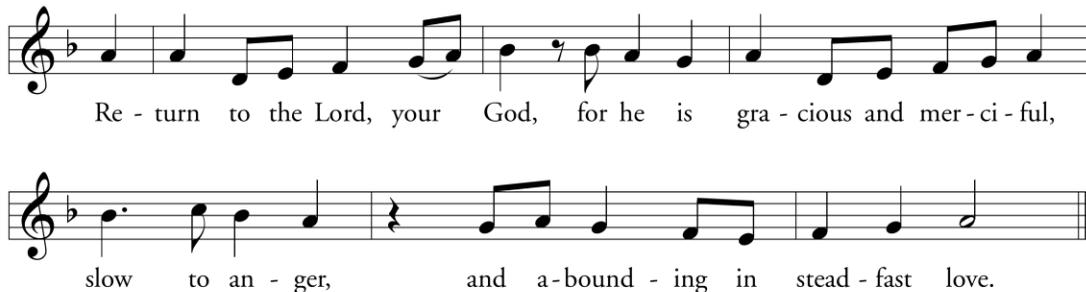
SECOND READING Hebrews 5:5-10

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 forever, 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.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL John 12:20-33

The holy gospel according to John. *The assembly responds:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 honor. 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 judgment 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.

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

We sit.

SERMON

Pastor Carter

We stand.



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
 2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
 4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
 fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.
 tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
 we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

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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 INTERCESSION

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

Each portion of the prayers concludes:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words.

We sit.

✠ THANKSGIVING ✠

OFFERING

ANTHEM Bring Low Our Ancient Adam

J.S. Bach

Bring low our ancient Adam, then raise us by your grace.

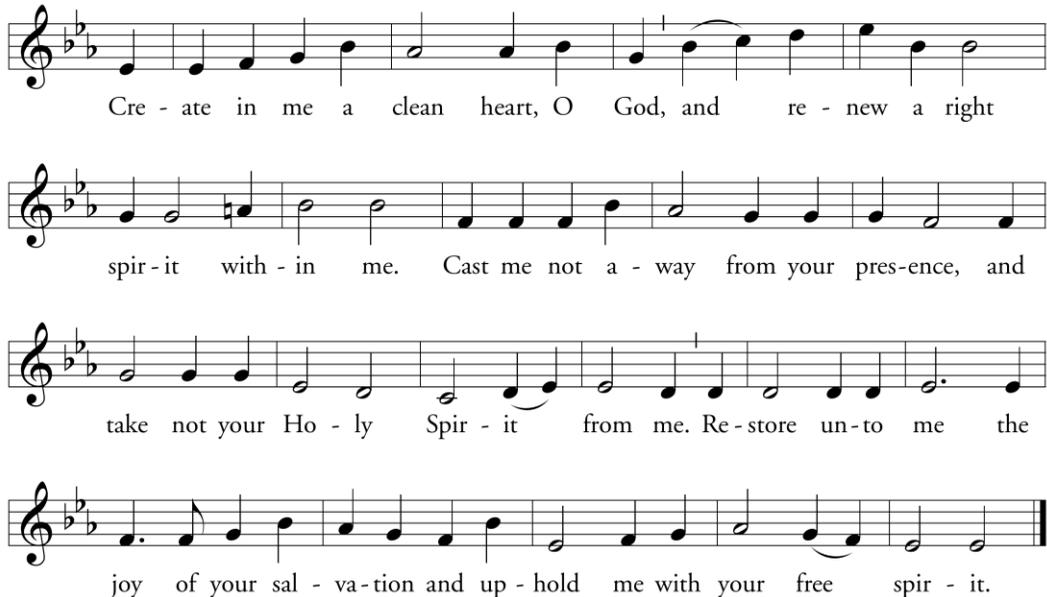
Lift up to life eternal our fallen human race—

to life that finds its measure, its clarity and pleasure, in you, Creator God.

Adult Choirs

We stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion and up - hold me with your free spir - it.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

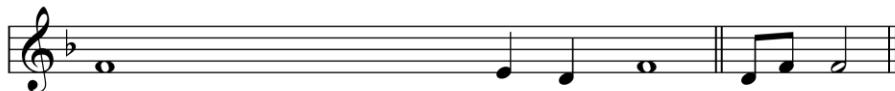
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

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.

✠ SENDING ✠

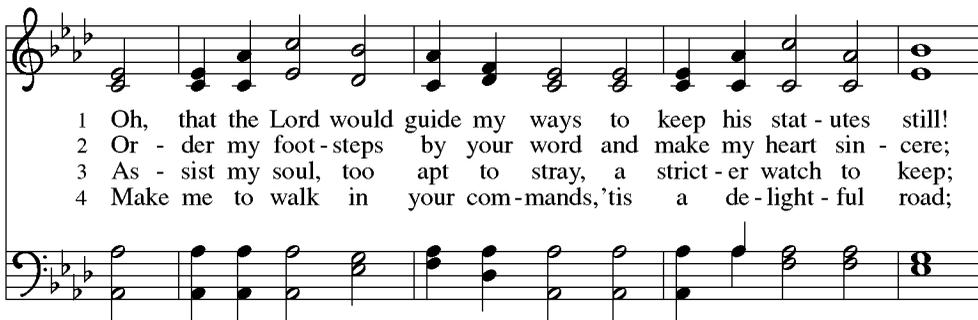
BLESSING



The Lord bless you ... and ✠ give you peace. A - men.

SENDING HYMN 772 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

EVAN



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Fugue in C Minor, BWV 537ii

J.S. Bach

Soli Deo Gloria

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Announcements

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Sarah Chapple Clayton and Patricia Lynn Clayton, by Cathy Revis, and Frank and David Clayton.

This week we keep in prayer Barbara Wise, 110 Buckingham Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27104-4118. Please send **Barbara** note.

Pre-registration for Easter Services in the Parking Lot begins Wednesday, March 24. Look for a Flocknote with all the details!

Please Remember the Food Drive this Thursday, March 25. Please bring non-perishable items to the portico at Augsburg from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. CBC is especially in need of **cereal, oatmeal, canned soups, canned vegetables, spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, and diapers.**

Palm Sunday Drive Through – Join us Sunday, March 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a Palm Sunday Drive Through Processional. Remember to bring your donations for Lowrance Middle School and the Dwelling. Click [here](#) for details of specific needs.

Easter Lily Blessings Bags for Lowrance – This year, instead of Easter Lilies in the Chancel, you may honor a loved one with an Easter Blessing Bag for Lowrance Middle School. Click this [Easter blessing bags](#) link for more information on completing your dedication.

Important information regarding returning to in-person worship can be seen at this [link](#) Please read this information carefully as we look forward to returning to community in the near future!

Volunteers are needed for Christ’s Beloved Community Food Pantry located at 3205 S. Main Street. Help pre-pack the bags we share with our neighbors in need. COVID restrictions and masks are required. Click [here](#) to sign up!

The Overflow Shelter still has an opening for Dinner this Thursday, March 25. Please use this [link](#) to sign-up.

The Efirid L. and Maria F. Hine Fund committee will meet for its Spring Quarter meeting on Monday, April 22, 2021 at 7:00 pm. All requests for financial grants should be directed to The Hine Fund and should be in the church office no later than 12 noon on Monday, April 12. Agendas will be ready for members to pick up in the work room on Sunday, April 18. Please call or email Kris Andrews if you are unable to attend the meeting. The general purpose and intent of the Hine Fund is to “put into effect a ministry of Christian mercy and concern in meeting human needs as the Church thinks Jesus Christ Himself would have them met.”

We keep you in prayer during our time apart. Our pastors continue to be available for your pastoral care needs. If you would like to reach a pastor, please call their cell phones, send them a text, or an email. Pastor Paul is 803-331-5970 or seniorpastor@alcws.org and Pastor Lori is 336-414-2838 or pastoralassociate@alcws.org

Today is Johann Sebastian Bach's birthday! One of the greatest church musicians of all time, especially in the Lutheran tradition, we celebrate Bach's birthday by hearing voluntaries and an anthem composed by the Cantor of Leipzig. Bach is officially commemorated in the ELCA on July 28 (along with G.F. Handel and Heinrich Schütz). Since we rarely observe the Calendar of Saints, today we celebrate Bach's contributions to sacred music on his actual birthday, March 21, 1685.

Readings for next week: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1--15:47.

Worship attendance for services last week: 188 views on YouTube.

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