



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASTORAL GREETING

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

P: We are called together to worship today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen!**

P. Lent calls us to journey, this day and every day, **C. following Jesus wherever He leads us.**

P. Lent calls us to journey, **C. listening to Jesus as He leads us.**

P. Lent calls us to worship together, **C. to tell future generations the good news.**

P. Lent calls us to faithful living, **C. to trust the One who gives us life.**

P. Lent calls each of us to take up our cross, **C. to trust the One who bears it with us.**

P. Lent calls us to journey with God. **C. Let us worship God, who walks with us every day.**

GATHERING SONG "Borning Cry"

RESPONSIVE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P. Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C. Almighty God, we have gone astray like lost sheep. We have turned away from your Word and listened to the tempting voices in world around us. We have followed our own desires instead of following your will. Have mercy on us and forgive us for the sake of Jesus our Savior.

P. God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to seek and to save the lost, to seek and to save us. Jesus suffered, died and rose from the dead to bring us forgiveness and life. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C. Be our Shepherd, Lord, and hold us safely in your mighty hand!

(Please be seated)

WORSHIP SONG "Be Thou My Vision"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS **FIRST READING**

R. The first reading is from the book of Hebrews 5: 5-10

⁵ So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶ as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." ⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was

able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹ And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰ being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

R. This is the word of the Lord **C. Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 51:1-12

R. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

C. ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

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

C. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

R. ⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

C. ⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

R. ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

C. ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

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

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

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

C. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

R. Here ends the reading of the Psalm. Please rise as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL LESSON (Please rise as you are able)

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. John 12: 20-33

C. Glory to you, O Lord

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. ²⁷ "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰ Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this

world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated)

SERMON SONG “Create In Me a Clean Heart”

MESSAGE Pastor Michael Birnbaum

OFFERING PRAYER and PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (please rise as you are able)

(Offering plates located at rear-thank you thank you, thank you!)

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Let us pray, **C. We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Following general prayers, you are encouraged to share other prayer concerns out loud. Please close your prayer concern with “Lord in your mercy”.

HOLY COMMUNION

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P. It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending proclamation:

C. (singing) Holy, holy, holy,

My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart is glad to say, the words:

You are holy, Lord!

Communion Prayer, Consecration of Elements, Lord’s Prayer

BLESSING, BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG "The Solid Rock"

P. Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C. Thanks be to God!**

God Bless You! See you next week. Bring a friend or relative!



COMING UP:

- **March 24-6:30 PM** Mid-week Lenten Devotions; Join us in our Lenten Challenge-to refocus our lives on Jesus Christ! Our scripture for Wednesday will be John 11:1-44. As you read, pray first and ask the Lord to place in your heart and in your mind what it is HE wants you to learn through this text.
- **March 28-PALM SUNDAY**
- **April 2-KEMA GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY WORSHIP, COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH, 7 PM**
- **APRIL 4-EASTER! HE IS RISEN!**
JOIN US FOR EASTER BREAKFAST BEGINNING AT 8:30
FOLLOWED BY JOYFUL EASTER WORSHIP AT 10 AM

Borning Cry

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk 'till rising sun.

When the evening gently closes in,
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

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Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

High King of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

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Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart O God
And renew a right spirit within me
Sing x 2

Cast me not away from Thy presence O Lord
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
And renew a right spirit within me
Repeat song

And renew a right spirit within me

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The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame

But wholly lean on Jesus' name

Chorus On Christ the solid Rock I stand

All other ground is sinking sand

All other ground is sinking sand

When darkness veils His lovely face

I rest on His unchanging grace

In ev'ry high and stormy gale

My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

When He shall come with trumpet sound

O may I then in Him be found

Dressed in His righteousness alone

Faultless to stand before the throne

Chorus x 2

On Christ the solid Rock I stand

All other ground is sinking sand

All other ground is sinking sand (repeat chorus)

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