

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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+ **HOLY COMMUNION – SETTING 7** +

### ORGAN PRELUDE

*“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth” (#340) G. Krapf*

### GATHERING

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**P** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sin.

**C** His mercy endures forever.

**CATECHETIC MOMENT** St. Patrick

### DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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### GATHERING HYMN

Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

**No. 321**

**GREETING** and **KYRIE** (Spanish)

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C Amen**

**FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34**

‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,’ declares the LORD. ‘This is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel after that time,’ declares the LORD. ‘I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbour, or say to one another, “Know the LORD,” because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,’ declares the LORD. ‘For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.’

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

**PSALM**      *God Be Merciful to Me* (tune: *Redhead 76*)

1. God be merciful to me; on your grace I rest my plea.  
My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.  
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
2. I have sinned against your grace and provoked you to your face.  
I confess your judgement just; speechless, I your mercy trust.  
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear your voice.
3. Gracious God, my heart renew; make my spirit right and true.  
Do not cast me from your sight nor remove your Spirit’s light.  
Your salvation’s joy restore, make me steadfast evermore.
4. Contrite spirit, pleading cries, you, O God, will not despise.  
Sinful ways I will reprove, and my tongue shall sing your love.  
Let my righteous sacrifice then delight your holy eyes.

### *Psalm Prayer*

P We confess Your mercies, O Lord, which You constantly display towards our need, asking You, that You, who are exalted in the Churches, and sits at the right hand of the Father on His throne, mayest grant us to understand and ponder the secret of such great loving kindness; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

### **SECOND LESSON Hebrews 5:5-10**

In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, ‘You are my Son; today I have become your Father.’ And he says in another place, ‘You are a priest for ever, in the order of Melchizedek.’

During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Turn back to the Lord... Pg. 179  
*Please stand as you are able.*

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL John 12:20-33**

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. ‘Sir,’ they said, ‘we would like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

Jesus replied, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me. Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? “Father, save me from this

hour”? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’

Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.’ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

Jesus said, ‘This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince 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 show the kind of death he was going to die.

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

### SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY** My Faith Looks Up to Thee

**No. 759**

**APOSTLES CREED**

Inside Hymnal Front Cover

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Please stand as you are able.*

The response to the intentions this week is “hear our prayer.”

A Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence*

For the church. Guide us into a deeper knowledge of your love and grace. Increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and service. We pray for evangelists, pastors, prophets, teachers, and all servants of the church. Lord, in your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

For the world. For seeds planted in hope of an abundant harvest. For fertile soils and sufficient rains. For shepherds and ranchers, farm workers and seafood harvesters. For flowers and berries. For orchards, vineyards, and citrus groves. Lord, in your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

For the nations. For Ukraine, and all countries embroiled in long-term conflicts, and for communities scarred by political unrest and upheaval. Grant wisdom to the world’s decision makers. Guide them to work for peace and the well-being of all people. Lord, in your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

For those in need. For all who suffer in any way. For those who are lonely or isolated. For those seeking employment. For those who

approach the hour of their death, and all who are ill. Lord, in your mercy, We lift up Bruce Beamer, Anna Berwanger, June Chadwick, Chrystine Cuch, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Norma Gummo, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Eleanora Lahoda, Fay Larsen, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Liz Northam, Ruby Panser, Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Laurena Schnell, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, Sam Skogen, those we name aloud ... and those we carry in our hearts. **C hear our prayer.**

For this assembly. For those preparing for baptism. For visitors, newcomers, and those who are returning after an extended absence. Deepen us in faith. Fill us with hope, and draw us all into your loving presence. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**

For those who serve in the holy catholic Church:

- for the Synod of Alberta and the Territories, for synod staff, pastors, people, Assistant Rev. Prema Samuel, and Bishop Larry Kochendorfer,
- for the Southern Area, its people, pastors, and for Rev. Dr. Tim Wray, Dean
- for our Synod Campus Ministries, and especially for Rev. Margaret Propp, Chaplain for Lutheran Campus Ministry, University of Calgary, and Mount Royal University
- for our synod candidates for ministry
- for Emmanuel Lutheran, Czar
- for Divine Redeemer Congregation, Bucaramanga, Colombia
- for the Lutheran Church of Australia, its people, and pastors
- for the Anglican and Mennonite Churches

For all these, Lord, in your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

For all virtually gathered for this service, those attending to the care of others and to beneficial endeavours that keep them away from worshipping, Lord, in your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**

P Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **C Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

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**OFFERING**

*Please be seated.*

OFFERTORY HYMN “Take up Your Cross” Hal Hopson

*Setting of the altar from the credence table.*

*Reception of Offerings*

OFFERING PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able.*

A We pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

THE MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Spanish)

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (VI)

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Version II)

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE FRACTION

P This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

C **We do not presume to come to your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and so to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

Lamb of God *Sung*

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THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

*Please be seated.*

*Assistants and those in special need commune first.*

*It is customary to kneel at the rail during Lent.*

COMMUNION HYMNS A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth No. 340

Christ, The Life of All the Living No. 339

TABLE BLESSING

*Please stand as you are able.*

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING PRAYER

A We pray. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be

hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please be seated.*

**THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY**

**THE BENEDICTION**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**C Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** In the Cross of Christ I Glory

**No. 324**

**THE DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** *“Have Mercy On Me, O Lord”* (Psalm 51) J.S. Bach

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**WELCOME** to all gathered here today, especially all guests and visitors. We are blessed to have you worship with us. You are invited to sign our guest book in the Narthex (lobby). Join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs after worship, Questions? Ask one of today’s servants or speak with the pastor. Online worship is provided for those unable to attend in-person.

**WE THANK TODAY’S SERVANTS**

Usher: Nale Poromon, Clarice Rasmuson

Lector: Nale Poromon

Assistant Minister: Jerry Rasmuson

Altar Guild: Helen Sandau

Refreshments: Lydia McTavish, Pat Fedkenheuer

Zoom Host: Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh

**OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE**

| 10 March       | Last Week   | Budget 2024 |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Current        | \$3,530     | \$2,911     |
| Benevolence    | \$ 0        |             |
| Building Fund  | \$ 0        |             |
| Easter Flowers | \$25        |             |
| Other          | \$ 2,143.25 |             |
| Attendance     | 38          |             |

**CONFESSION** Lent is the season of confession. This continues through to Maundy Thursday. Private confession is always available. Please contact Pr. Mike should you desire this option.

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

|           |        |          |                             |
|-----------|--------|----------|-----------------------------|
| Today     | 17 Mar | 11:45 PM | Fellowship and Refreshments |
|           |        | 2:00 PM  | CFMA Worship                |
| Monday    | 18 Mar | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program             |
| Tuesday   | 19 Mar | 10:00 PM | Hotshots Movie/Lunch        |
|           |        | 7:00 PM  | Council                     |
|           |        | 7:00 PM  | NAPS                        |
| Wednesday | 20 Mar | 9:30 AM  | 12 Step Program             |
| Thursday  | 21 Mar | 1:00 PM  | K.S.G.                      |
|           |        | 7:00 PM  | AFG Area                    |
| Friday    | 22 Mar | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program             |
| Saturday  | 23 Mar | 9:00 AM  | House of Hope Worship       |
|           |        | 1:00 PM  | K.S.G.                      |
| Sunday    | 24 Mar | 10:30 AM | Palm Sunday                 |

**HOT SHOTS MOVIE AND LUNCH – FATHER STU – True Story**  
Tuesday, March 19 10:00 am. Sign-up downstairs.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** for the April newsletter is Tuesday, 26 March 2024. Either place the item in the Highwood Highlights mailbox downstairs or email to [secretaryhlc@outlook.com](mailto:secretaryhlc@outlook.com)

**FLOWERS FOR EASTER** – Special donations for Easter flowers are gratefully accepted. Please mark your envelope accordingly.

**NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?** Contact Elizabeth Anderson 587 897 0548 or Bill Strand 403 239 9894.

**FREE SENIOR SESSIONS** – Kirby Centre – see posters downstairs.

**NEXT WEEKS READINGS** Sunday of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a                      Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11                Mark 14:1--15:47

## LENTEN SERVICES SCHEDULE

### HOLY WEEK

24 March Palm Sunday            10:30 AM

27 March Spy Wednesday       7:00 PM

The Triduum

28 March Holy Thursday       7:00 PM

29 March Good Friday        10:30 AM

31 March Easter Sunday        10:30 AM