

5th Sunday in Lent

with Holy Communion

8:00 & 9:30 am March 21, 2021



In this particular season of Lent, there is a pronounced need for a neighborly kind of love. We need love to cross political divides, and to cross the divide from despair to hope for children in foster care. We need love to unite our scattered community of faith until we are able to safely gather.

While we practice neighborly love, it will never be perfect. But we can practice. Let's set aside Lent to practice neighborly love and wait for God's Easter love to cross the deepest divide from death to new life.

~ Welcome To Worship ~

Here, God prepares us for a life of
Showing Up With Love for the Neighbor Near and Far

If you are new here, **welcome!** We are so glad you've come to worship today in-person or online. If you are worshipping in the building, here are some helpful tips:

Bathrooms are located out the side doors. A handicap bathroom (with a changing table) is across from the nursery.

Children are always welcome. Worship activity bags are in the entryway.

Hearing-impaired. If it is difficult to hear any of the service, please ask an usher for a personal amplifier.

Holy Communion is celebrated at each worship service. The table is open to all who believe in the redeeming power of Christ's love. At this time, we are communing only by bread (no wine). Please ask the server if you need a gluten-free wafer.

Worship all week by liking "Devotions from the Badlands" on Facebook, provided by area ELCA clergy.

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Dickinson, ND

Presiding: Pastor Joe Natwick Preaching: Pastor Lisa Lewton
Vocalist: Julianne Skaff Organist: Barb Arneson

- Gathering -

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On the road to Jericho,

Assembly: in the city of Jerusalem.

L: In a field, a woman's house, and on a farm with two brothers.

A: With rich and poor, and those without sight.

L: We are thirsty for new life.

A: And hungry for a place to belong.

L: Here, the Holy Spirit calls us together, the people of God, to drink bottomless mercy and feast at the welcome table.

SONG OF CONFESSION

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

"Most Merciful God" By, Greg LaFollette

by Gregory W. LaFollette
CCLI #7117244

$\text{♩} = 100$

A1 D Bm G Gm

Most Mer-ci - ful God, we con - fess that we have sinned a - gainst You.

D Bm G A

5 By what we have done, by what we have left un - done.

B1 G D A G

9 We have not loved You with our whole heart, our whole heart.

G D A G

13 We have not loved our neigh - bors as we've loved our - selves.

A2 D Bm G Gm

17 For the sake of Your Son, Je - sus Christ, have mer - cy and for - give us.

21 That we may de - light in Your will, Your will.

25 And walk in Your ways, in Your ways, in Your ways.

29 To the glo - ry of Your Name, of Your Name, of Your Name.

33 Most Mer - ci - ful God, we hum - bly re - pent. Help us to walk in Your ways.

37 Most Mer - ci - ful God, Most Mer - ci - ful God. A - men.

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FORGIVENESS

L: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ✝ forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

A: Amen.

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "We Cry Mercy" By, Greg LaFollette

[Congregational Arrangement]
by Gregory W. LaFollette
CCLI #7117247

♩ = 132

Intro

Am G C C/E F 3

Verse

7 Lord have mer - cy. (Lord have mer - cy.) Christ have mer - cy.

13 (Christ have mer - cy.) Oh lord have mer - cy on us.

Chorus

20 Oh we cry mer - cy.

25 we cry mer - cy. D.S. al Fine

31 we cry mer - cy.

36 Oh we cry mer - cy.

41 we cry mer - cy.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. Lord of the lost, we are quick to judge and slow to accept those whom we consider lower than ourselves. But you show us the way of acceptance, forgiveness, and peace. We honor your name for teaching us to love, for the sake of the one who is the essence of love itself, Jesus Christ our loving Lord.

A: Amen.

Stepping Into the Story

– Word –

God speaks to us in Scripture, reading, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 18:31—19:10

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³²For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. ³³After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again." ³⁴But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. ³⁵As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. ³⁷They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." ³⁸Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ³⁹Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁰Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹"What do you want me to do for you? He said, "Lord, let me see again." ⁴²Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." ⁴³Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

¹He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."



L: The Gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Pastor Lisa Lewton

HYMN OF THE DAY: #513 Listen, God is Calling

Refrain
Leader All



Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,



of - fer - ing for - give-ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All



1 Je - sus gave his man-date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*



that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk-ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune

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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

Prayer response: **#752 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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SHARING THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: And also with you.

- Meal -

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

During the offering each week,

Please help build the prayer cross next to the pulpit.

- ♦ Write a prayer on a slip of paper provided at the ends of each row and drop it in the basket on your way to Communion.

- ♦ If you are worshiping online, leave a prayer in the comments or click on the "Lent Prayer Cross" button at www.stjohnelc.org, and your prayer will be added to the creation in the sanctuary.

OFFERING MOMENT VIDEO ~ *Offering a home for foster care.*

OFFERING ~ Handbell Choir ~



"They'll Know We Are Christians, There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

OFFERTORY HYMN: Bread for the Journey, V. 1-2



* 1, 5 Give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.
* 2 Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.
3 Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.
4 Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home.



Give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.
Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.
Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.
Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home;



When our legs are get - ting heav - y, and we're hang - ing down our heads,
With so ma - ny roads be - fore us, where to go is hard to say.
All the walls we've built a - round us: may we learn to tear them down.
where we'll live with all cre - a - tion, find our place and nev - er roam.



give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.
Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.
Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.
Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home.

Text: Bret Hesla
Music: BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY, Bret Hesla

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OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places. Out of love, you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, so that we may journey with our neighbor to springs of new life. In the name of the one who is our bread and our meal, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: Blessed are you, O God of the universe...With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

A: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

L: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

A: Come, Holy Spirit.

L: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

A: Come, Holy Spirit.

L: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

A: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen



Today at 11:00am
we celebrate
the Baptism of
Harrison James
Olheiser
Son of
Nicole & Cole
Olheiser

Sponsors:
Michael Urbanec
&
Sophie Olheiser



*All are invited
to the table today.
Come as you are*

- Distribution of Bread & Wine -

Communion Distribution Hymn: #818 O Master, Let Me Walk With You

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.
 Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray. God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sending -

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

L: May the Lord show you the way of love, that you might show up with love for your neighbor near and far. We end as we began, in the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "Prayer After Communion" By, Greg LaFollette

♩ = 164

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Intro C F C G C F C G

Our

V1 C F C G Am F

5 Fa - ther we give you thanks and praise that when we were

C G C F C G F G

8 still far off You met us in Your Son and brought us home.

V2 C F C G Am F C G

13 Dy - ing and liv - ing, de - clar - ing your love, He gave His grace and

C F C G F G

17 o - pened the gates of glo - ry to us. So may

CH F C G/B F C G/B F C

21 we who share Christ's bo - dy live his ri - sen life. We who drink His cup bring life to

G F F G Am To Coda

27 o - thers. We whom the Spi - rit lights bring light to the world.

V3 C F C G Am F C G

34 Keep us firm in the hope that You've set be - fore us so

C F C G F G

38 we and all Your chil - dren shall be free. And the whole

Br F G C G/B Am G

42 earth live to praise Your name through

1. D.S. al Coda 2.

C G C F C G C G

46 Christ our Lord A - men. May A - men.

C F C G C F C G C

51 A - men. So may

CH (a Capella)

57 we who share Christ's bo - dy live his ri - sen life. We who drink His cup bring life to

63 o - thers. We whom the Spi - rit lights bring light to the world.



DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Walk in the way of the Lord.
A: **Thanks be to God.**



This Wednesday will conclude the Lenten series on well-being as we talk about COMMUNITY.

LENTEN WORSHIP—WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00 PM (onsite & Livestream)

LENTEN BOOK STUDY—WEDNESDAYS @ 5:45 PM (onsite & Zoom: 822 1150 8128)

You are invited to assist in our own community by giving an Easter Memorial, or to donate a new blanket and/or backpack for foster families in Stark County. Donations will be delivered after Easter Sunday.



Sunday, MARCH 28th: **PALM SUNDAY — 8:00 am & 9:30 am Worship**
(onsite; 9:30 am is also livestream & radio broadcast)

Wednesday, MARCH 31st: **“Come Walk with Me” Community Cantata—7:00 pm**
(onsite & Livestream)

Thursday, APRIL 1st: **MAUNDY THURSDAY—7:00 pm Worship**
(Livestream only)

Friday, APRIL 2nd: **GOOD FRIDAY—7:00 pm Worship**
(Livestream only)

~ **EASTER SUNDAY : April 4th ~** **8:00 am | 9:30 am | 11:00 am**
All services will be onsite! Masks and distancing will be expected.
The 9:30 am Worship will also be broadcast on KDIX radio and available on Livestream.

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

St. John Preaching Seminar! (March 21 & 28; April 11 & 18 @ 10:45 am)

Are you interested in learning more about the Bible? Have you ever wondered what it is like to write and preach a sermon? You are invited to attend Pastor Joe's preaching seminar. This 4-session class will give you an introduction to how to think, read, and write like a preacher. Whether you want to preach someday or wouldn't touch a pulpit with a ten-foot-pole, you are welcome to attend this class and learn more about the process.

Join us in the Fellowship room or via Zoom! (link: <https://emory.zoom.us/j/98703523738>)

Senior High Mission Trip! August 1—6 : Applications must be submitted by March 28th!

Visit the St. John website at www.stjohnelc.org for more information and a link to the application.

THANK YOU TO THE WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

Assisting Ministers: 8:00 am	Dream O'Brien	9:30 am Chip Poland
Tech: 8:00 am	Aaron O'Brien	9:30 am Nate Shilman
Ushers: 8:00 am	Rod Kostecky	9:30 am Kainen Ollerman
	Nolan Weidner	JD Thatcher
Camera:		Sam Lewton