



# ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



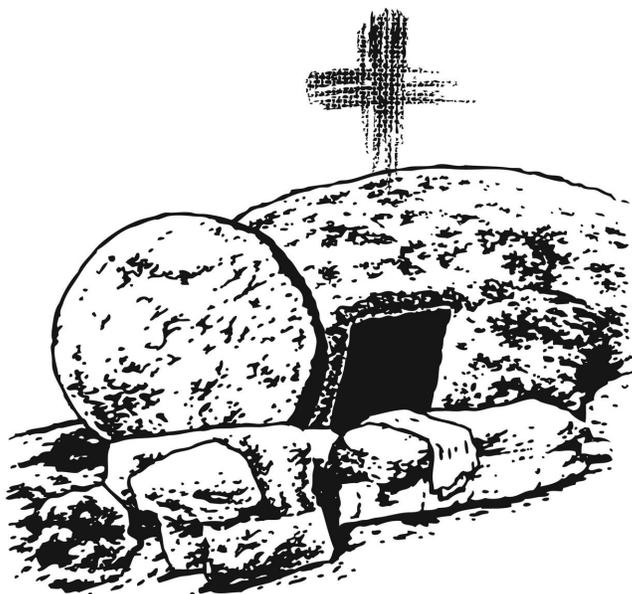
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
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## INTRODUCTION

*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 light and truth into our hearts. We see God's heart most clearly in the way Jesus shares human suffering, in an agony both the John and Hebrews readings describe.*

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

**MARCH 18, 2018 AT 8:15 A.M.**



**5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunday**  
*in*  
**Lent**

**CONTEMPORARY SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

8:15 A.M.

MARCH 18, 2018

*\*Please stand if able*

*P: Pastor; A: Assisting Minister; C: Congregation*

GATHERING

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"In the Secret"

Insert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Gary Haddock

\*GATHERING SONG

"Nothing But the Blood"

Insert

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: During the season of Lent, we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin.

C: **Wash me through and through from my wickedness. Cleanse me from my sin. My sin is ever before me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Give me the joy of your saving help again. Sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Jesus came into the world to overcome sin, to justify sinners, and to send the blessing of the Spirit. Hear these words now as if they are from Christ himself: Your sins are + forgiven, you are made clean, your spirit is renewed.

C: **Amen.**

\*THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

\*APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Paul Christ

\*THE GOSPEL READING

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John. C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

John 12:20-33

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

THE SERMON

Rev. Paul Christ

\*SONG OF THE DAY

"Love You So Much"

Insert

\*APOSTLES' CREED

C: **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.**

\*INTERCESSORY PRAYER

A: Lord in your mercy. C: **Hear our prayer.**

Edie Connor

## MEAL

### THE OFFERING / OFFERTORY MUSIC

"Day By Day"

Piano, Carol Schaefer

### \*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERTORY

"Communion"

**This is the body. This is the blood. Broken and poured out. For all of us.  
And in this communion we share in His love. This is the body. This is the blood.**

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Edie Connor

A: Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

### \*THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER V

### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, teach us to pray . . .

**C: 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 forever. Amen.**

*The congregation sits. The following is sung: "Worthy Is the Lamb"*

**Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne. Crown You now with many crowns. You reign victorious.**

**High and lifted up. Jesus Son of God. The darling of heaven crucified. Worthy is the Lamb. (Repeat 3X)**

### DISTRIBUTION

*Holy Communion Invitation: We welcome all who are baptized to the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion is served by Intinction. You will be given a wafer, which you then dip into the chalice of wine. If unable to come forward, stand where you are, and you will be served there. Children who are baptized are welcome to commune.*

### COMMUNION SONG

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

Insert

### \*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands and the presiding minister says these words:*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **C: Amen.**

### \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Edie Connor

A: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. We give thanks for this gift and blessing of this meal which strengthens us for this Lenten journey. As you poured yourself out for us in this meal, may we pour ourselves out in proclaiming your love and serving our neighbors. **C: Amen.**

## SENDING

### \*BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

### \*SENDING SONG

"How Great Is Our God"

Insert

### \*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Sound the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the glory of God by the St. Mark's congregation.

## LITURGY -THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE

**Presiding Pastor:** Rev. Gary Haddock

**Preacher:** Rev. Paul Christ

**Assisting Minister:** Edie Connor

**Communion Assistants:** Rebecca Haddock, Camille Patrick

**Praise Team Leader & Keyboard:** Myra Long

**Acolyte:** Joseph Carpenter

**Deacons:** David Tucker, Carol Schaefer

**Altar Guild:** Janet Sigmon, Sue Karen Falls, Nicky & Evelyn Setzer

**Tabulators:** Ginger Carpenter, Jean Cloninger, Hilda Deal

**Vocalists:** Tim Carpenter, Tamarah Hefner, Allyson Sestric, Carol Schaefer

**Instrumentalists:** Allyson Sestric: Violin & Guitar; Mark Mashburn, Guitar; Aaron Carpenter: Drums

**Tech:** Carol Schaefer, Camille Patrick, Tamarah Hefner, Randy Sherrill, Terry Hefner, Tim Sigmon, Barry Bumgarner

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### **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 51:1-12**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

### **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.

### **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 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.