



ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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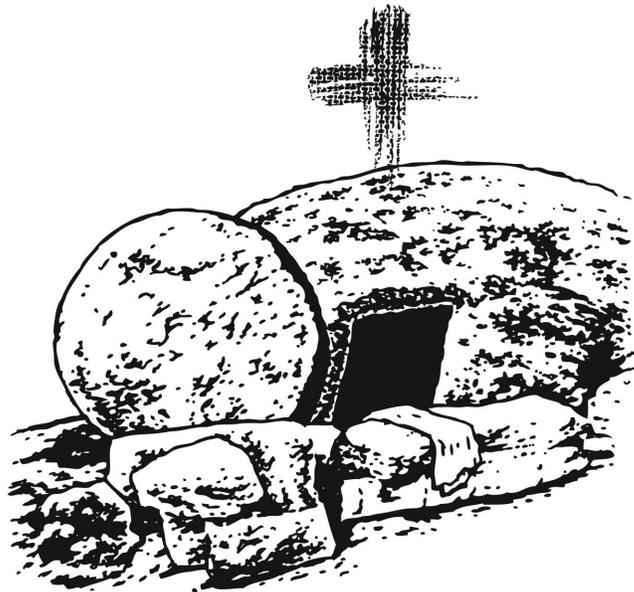
God's work. Our hands.

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 10:30 A.M.



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Sunday
in
Lent

TRADITIONAL SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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10:30 a.m.

March 18, 2018

*Please stand if able P: Pastor; A: Assisting Minister; C: Congregation (ELW—red book; WOV—blue book)

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Gary Haddock
*Confession and Forgiveness ELW p. 211-212
*Sharing the Peace P: The peace of the Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**
*Gathering Hymn "Praise the Lord! O Heavens" ELW #823
*Apostolic Greeting ELW p. 203
*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
Lessons Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10 Ginger Carpenter
*The Holy Gospel Acclamation "We are turning..." ELW p. 205
*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
*Hymn of the Day "Jesus, Still Lead On" ELW #624
*Apostles' Creed ELW p. 217
*Intercessory Prayer A: Lord in your mercy. C: **Hear our prayer.** Ginger Carpenter

MEAL

The Offering / Offertory "Near the Cross" Handbell Choir
*Offering Presentation / Response "Doxology" ELW #884
*Offertory Prayer A: Let us pray... C: **Amen.** Ginger Carpenter
*The Eucharistic Prayer V ELW p. 65-66
*The Lord's Prayer Traditional ELW p. 208
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.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) ELW p. 208
Distribution Hymn "What Feast of Love" ELW #487
*Post Communion Blessing
*Post Communion Prayer A: Let us pray... C: **Amen.** Ginger Carpenter

SENDING

*The Benediction P: Almighty God . . . C: **Amen.** ELW p. 209
*Sending Hymn "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" ELW #779
Dismissal P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. 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.

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.

LITURGY - WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Gary Haddock

Preacher: Rev. Paul Christ

Assisting Minister: Ginger Carpenter

Communion Assistants: Kermit Nash, Nicky Setzer

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

Director of Music/Organist: Myra Long

Tabulators: Ginger Carpenter, Jean Cloninger, Hilda Deal

Deacons: David Tucker, Carol Schaefer

Tech: Carol Schaefer, Camille Patrick, Tamarah Hefner, Randy Sherrill,
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