



5th Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2018 | 8:30 + 11:00 am

We Gather in the Presence of the Risen Savior

Prelude

(8:30) Movement 3 from Sonatina III by Johann Baptist Vanhal
(11:00) Speak, O Lord setting by Lloyd Larson

Welcome + Announcements

*Call to Worship

Jesus said, "When I am lifted up,
I will draw all people to myself."

**Blessed be the God of our salvation
who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

***Gathering Hymn | Lord, Have Mercy** red hymnal, #639 Verses: Soloist Refrain: congregation

1. Jesus, I've forgotten the words that you have spoken,
promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom.
Forgive me for my unbelief, renew the fire again. *Refrain*
2. I have built an altar where I worship things of man.
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from you.
Now I am returning to your mercies everflowing.
Pardon my transgressions; help me love you again. *Refrain*
3. I have longed to know you and your tender mercies,
like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end.
I bow my heart before you in the goodness of your presence,
your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night. *Refrain*

Refrain:

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
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Hymns + Songs | Lift Up Your Hearts (red hymnal)

Bold Print | Speak or sing together in unison

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

We Seek Renewal in God's Presence

***Call to Confession** | adapted from Isaiah 55:6-7, NRSV

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let all return to the Lord, that God may have mercy. Trusting ourselves to the grace of God, let us confess our sins, first silently and then together.

Silence for personal confession

***Prayer of Confession**

God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ, longs to gather us in the wide embrace of his love, we confess that we have been wayward children. We have disobeyed your commands; our ears have been deaf to your call; our hearts have been cold to your love. In thought, in word, and in deed we have hurt others and dishonored your name. In your great mercy receive us yet again as your well-beloved children, not because we are worthy, but for the sake of him who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.
In Christ, we are forgiven!

***The Peace** | time of greeting

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The Word of the Lord

Old Testament Lesson | Jeremiah 31:31-34 *Bible*, pg. 642

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Time for Young Disciples | Heather Woodin, Director of Children's and Family Ministry

Parents who would like to have their children (3 year old-Kindergarten) participate in Children's Time are welcome to accompany their children downstairs during the congregational hymn. Children will be brought back to the sanctuary during the Sending Hymn.

Congregational Hymn | Speak, O Lord *red hymnal*, # 755

Gospel Lesson | John 12:20-33 *Bible*, pg. 875

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message | Dying to Live Rev. Dr. Danie deBeer

Responding to the Word

Minute for Mission | One Great Hour of Sharing | Paul Heidger

(11:00) **Welcoming Back the Guatemala Team**

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Prayer requests may be written on a prayer card and placed in the offering plate.

Offertory

(8:30) Canon in D *by Johann Pachelbel, setting by Matz*

(11:00) How Great the Father's Love for Us *setting by Larry Shackley*

Offertory Response | Doxology *red hymnal, #965

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him, above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People + The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending

Sending Hymn | All on Earth and All in Heaven *red hymnal, #922

*Charge + Blessing

Postlude | All on Earth and All in Heaven *setting by Timothy Shaw

You are invited to remain for the postlude. Soli Deo Gloria! Glory to God Alone!

If you desire a personal time of prayer, we're here to pray with you and for you. Please join a prayer partner at the Prayer Room at the back of the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Daniel deBeer + Rev. Kyle Otterbein, *pastors*

Matthew Penning, *director of music*

Makenna Hendrickson and Annabel Hendrickson, *piano duets*

(8:30) Ted Potter (11:00) Myrna Farraj, *worship leaders*

Announcements

Welcome! We are happy to have you here with us today. If you would like more information about St. Andrew, please indicate your interest on the Connection Card. Join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments after the service. This is a wonderful way to meet the St. Andrew family.

All ages are welcomed in our worship services. Worship materials for children and adults, including large print hymnals, bibles, and bulletins are available on the shelves outside the north sanctuary doors. A T-Coil hearing assist loop is also available for those with this feature on their hearing aids.

If needed, **infant and toddler care** (up to age 2) is provided downstairs in the Nursery. Children's Time, for ages 3 years through Kindergarten, is also downstairs.

Connection Cards are one way we can extend welcome and hospitality to our guests while also helping us consider steps we can take in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. We ask each person to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. Members, once your contact information is correct, you only need to write your name. As my next step today, I will . . .

- ◇ Be involved this week in God's work—offering forgiveness, showing mercy, and talking about life, death, and salvation.
- ◇ Live aware that God is enacting new life within and around me.
- ◇ Think about what is in my life that must die so that I may flourish in living.

Prayer Requests may be written on a blue Prayer Request Card and placed in the offering plate.

The **flowers** this morning are given by the Freeseman and Prybil families in memory of Lee Freeseman whose 80th birthday would have been March 22.

Lenten Suppers: We will hold our final Lenten Potluck Supper this Thursday, March 22, at 5:30 pm, followed by a time of prayer and devotions at 6:15 pm. The famous *spark* mac and cheese will be served, but please bring a generous dish to share as well. Beverages and tableware will be provided.

The next **AIM (Access & Inclusion Ministry) Network Meeting** will be held this Wednesday, March 21, in Room 103 here at the church from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. All are welcome!

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 25

worship services at 8:30 am + 11:00 am

Maundy Thursday, March 29

soup + salad dinner provided at 5:30 pm; worship + communion at 6:15 pm

Good Friday, March 30

Tenebrae service at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 1

youth-led worship service at 6:30 am

potluck breakfast 7:00-11:00 am

traditional worship services at 8:30 + 11:00 am

