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Sunday, April 2, 2017

PRELUDE Fairest Lord Jesus - Ruth Elaine Schram

#### THE GATHERING

Welcome/Announcements/Meet and Greet

Gathering Song The Church Song

#### **REFRAIN:**

We are the church, the body of our Lord; We are all God's children. We have been restored.

The church is not a building Where people go to pray; It's not made out of sticks and stones, It's not made out of clay. (refrain)

You can go to worship But you cannot go to church; You can't find a building that's alive No matter how you search. (refrain)

The church, it is the people Living out their lives, Called, enlightened, sanctified For the work of Jesus Christ. (refrain) Prayer and Dismissal of Children Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful; Where the streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name; Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place, When I walk thro' the wilderness, blessed be your name;

Ev'ry blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise; When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name; Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me; When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name; Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering; Tho' there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name;

Ev'ry blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise; When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name; Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.

# THE WORD PROCLAIMED Prayer of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. . . .

C: Amen.

RESPONSE Thy Word

Refrain:

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

I will not forget your love for me, and yet My heart forever is wandering.

Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side, And I will love you to the end. (refrain)

## FIRST READING: Proverbs 3: 5-8

L: A reading from chapter three of Proverbs.

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.

<sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

<sup>7</sup> Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

<sup>8</sup> It will be a healing for your flesh and a refreshment for your body.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM: Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—

they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

GOSPEL: Matthew 7: 24-27

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter seven.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup> "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!"

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Fifth Sunday in Lent readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:1-11, John 11:1-45)

Message Personalize It!
Bible Meditation

# **OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Pastor: Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly,

Congregation: Amen! Let us teach and admonish one another in all wisdom.

Pastor: Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly,

Cong: With gratitude in our hearts for God's Word, let us sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God.

Pastor: Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly,

Cong: So that we may live in peace today and for all eternity.

All: Amen! -Colossians 3:16

Musical Offering O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing - Lani Smith

#### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

#### **EXCHANGING OF THE PEACE**

# **Blessing**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
C: Amen.

Closing Song How Great is Our God

The splendor of the king clothed in majesty, Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice. He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide, It trembles at His voice, it trembles at His voice.

How great is our God! Sing with me, How great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God!

Age to age, He stands and time is in His hands, Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End. The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son, The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God! Sing with me, How great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God!

#### Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated - Mark Hayes

**PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK** (1 Corinthians 2:11-16, Psalm 119:105-109, John 8:31-36, John 16:12-15)

#### Welcome!

Please complete the pew card before you leave worship this day. Pastor Keller would be happy to visit with you at the time and place of your choosing to answer questions about membership. Simply call the church office at 724-352-2333 to make an appointment.

#### THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:

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Marilyn Merbach
Jean Yohe

Attendance on S	Sunday,	March 26, 2017	
8:15	34	St. Luke's Lutheran Chur	ch
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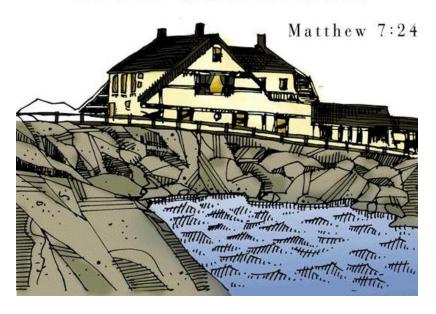
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Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.



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