

NEW BEGINNINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Second Sunday in Lent – March 16th, 2025 (11:11 am)

CITIZENSHIP UNDER WINGS

Psalm 4
Jeremiah 26:8-15
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35

Jesus Rescues Us from Death and Brings Us into Heaven

The prophet Jeremiah faithfully preached “all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people” (Jer. 26:8). He called the people to repentance, lest the Lord’s judgment come upon them. The violence that Jeremiah suffered for this preaching foreshadowed the cross and Passion of Christ Jesus, who suffered the judgment of God for the redemption of all people. For Jesus “comes in the name of the Lord” (Luke 13:35) in order to lay down His life for the sins of the world. Earthly Jerusalem was blind to His gracious visitation, and it put Him to death like the prophets before Him. Yet, His sacrifice upon the cross became the cornerstone of the new Jerusalem, His Church. He visits us today in mercy with His preaching of forgiveness, to gather us to Himself within that holy city, “as a hen gathers her brood under her wings” (Luke 13:34), for “our citizenship is in heaven” (Phil. 3:20).

GATHERING SONGS

COME NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now
Willingly we choose to surrender our lives
Willingly our knees will bow
With all our heart soul mind and strength
We gladly choose You now
Come come just as you are come come

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AS WE BEGIN and CALLING ON GOD'S NAME

P – In the name of the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY SPIRIT. Amen.

PSALM 4 – ANSWER ME WHEN I CALL

4 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

You have given me relief when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

²O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?

How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? *Selah*

**³But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.**

**⁴Be angry, and do not sin;
ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. *Selah***

**⁵Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.**

**⁶There are many who say, “Who will show us some good?
Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!”**

**⁷You have put more joy in my heart
than they have when their grain and wine abound.**

**⁸In peace I will both lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

CONFESSION OF SINS – (*said in unison*) (Pastor)

C – Dear God, beloved Father! Even though the world tries to tell us something different, we know from Your Word that we are sinners and that we have a tendency to walk away from You. We sin in thought, words, deeds and omissions.

We come before your presence to confess our sins. Some of them we do remember, many of them we don't. But we know that You know all things, and You want us to confess all of them, because you always receive the repentant sinner, and forgive and help in any situation.

Have mercy on us, o Lord! Receive our humble confession, and according to your will, by grace and through Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins. In your name, we pray!

(Brief silence)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Pastor)

P – Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I, therefore, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace! Your sins are forgiven! Amen. (*John 20:19-23*)

KIDS SONG -

KIDS MOMENT (Shelby)

WORSHIP SONG - CHANGE MY HEART OH GOD

Change my heart O God

Make it ever true

Change my heart O God

May I be like You

You are the Potter

I am the clay

Mould me and make me

This is what I pray

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THE OLD TESTAMENT FROM JEREMIAH 26:8-15 (Penny)

⁸ And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! ⁹ Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant'?" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰ When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹ Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears."

¹² Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³ Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴ But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵ Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

READING OF EPISTLE TO PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1 (Penny)

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Therefore, my brothers,^[a] whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

READING OF THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 13:31-35 (Penny)

Lament over Jerusalem

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ³³Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' ³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

WORSHIP SONG – CORNERSTONE

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

Christ alone cornerstone

Weak made strong in the Saviour's love

Through the storm He is Lord

Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

He is Lord Lord of all

When He shall come with trumpet sound

Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

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MESSAGE – CITIZENSHIP UNDER WINGS (Luke 13:31–35)

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

WORSHIP SONG – AT THE CROSS (LOVE RAN RED)

There's a place
Where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place
Where streams of grace flow deep and wide
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down
**At the cross at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You (Jesus)**

There's a place
Where sin and shame are powerless
Where my heart
Has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down
Here my hope is found
Here on holy ground
Here I bow down here I bow down
Here arms open wide
Here You saved my life
Here I bow down here I bow (down)

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Prayer)

LORD'S PRAYER (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.

PREPARATION TO HOLY COMMUNION – FATHER LEAD US TO YOUR TABLE

Father, lead us to Your table, We are hungry for Your food;

By your mercies still encouraged, Now we come with gratitude.

Cleanse our careless thoughts and feelings, Blot out sin, our lives renew;

Grant to us, by grace, forgiveness, As we come to feast with You.

Father, feed us at Your table, As we share the Living Bread;

Let redemption, life eternal, Grace the feast before us spread.

**Strengthened by Your presence daily, Bless'd we live each passing hour,
Touched by joy in our salvation, Now we sing Your Spirit's power.**

Father, send us from Your table, To the ones who are in need,

To the lonely, seeking, sorrowing, To the crowds who give no heed.

Father, lead them to Your table, There to find Your joy and love.

Alleluia! Alleluia! to the triune God above.

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'As a Lutheran Church, we believe that Jesus' body and blood are really and truly present in the Lord's Supper. And we believe that Jesus is giving real and true spiritual gifts to us through this eating and drinking: forgiveness, life, and salvation. It is pure gospel for our comfort and spiritual strength.

COMMUNION PREPARATION

These are our statements about Holy Communion:

- **I know I am a sinner.**
- **I believe that Jesus is my personal Savior.**
- **I believe that Jesus is really present in the bread and wine.**
- **I intend, with God's help, to change my sinful life and live for him.**
- **I understand that when I come to this table, I publicly state that I believe these things.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (**Pastor**)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said: "**Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**" In the same way also, he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "**Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.**"

DISTRIBUTION – SONGS:

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Beautiful Savior, King of Creation,

Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,

Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,

Robed in flowers of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;

He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,

Bright the sparkling stars on high;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,

Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,

¹ "It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink."
(<https://catechism.cph.org/en/sacrament-of-the-altar.html>)

Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

BE THE CENTRE

Jesus be the Centre
Be my Source be my Light
Jesus
Jesus be the centre
Be my hope be my song
Jesus

Be the fire in my heart

Be the wind in these sails

Be the reason that I live

Jesus Jesus

Jesus be my vision
Be my path be my guide
Jesus

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DRAW ME CLOSE

Draw me close to You never let me go
I lay it all down again
To hear You say that I'm Your friend
You are my desire no one else will do
'Cause nothing else could take Your place
To feel the warmth of Your embrace
Help me find the way bring me back to You

You're all I want

You're all I've ever needed

You're all I want

Help me know You are near

Help me know You are here

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (Pastor)

RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING (Pastor)

P – The grace of our Lord JESUS CHRIST and the love of GOD and the communion of the HOLY SPIRIT be with you all. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL WORSHIP SONG – FOREVER

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
Sing praise sing praise

Forever God is faithful

Forever God is strong

Forever God is with us

Forever forever

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

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