



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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The First Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2022

10:30 Holy Communion

Today we read Jesus' great "Sermon on the Plain" from Luke's gospel. It is similar to the "Sermon on the Mount" that Matthew's gospel records. In this sermon Jesus lays out a new reality for those who follow him. Many old ways will die, and many new ways will take their place. Some who considered themselves "winners" in the world will feel threatened. But those who were "losers" will surely discover new life and hope in Jesus' words.

Welcome to worship today!

If you are visiting with us we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the back of the sanctuary.

† GATHERING †

Prelude and Announcements

Gathering Hymn Open the Eyes of My Heart
(For music turn to Hymn 26 in the Songbook binder)

Chorus, Verse and Bridge are repeated however the musicians feel moved to play

Chorus **Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You,
I want to see You.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You,
I want to see You.**

Verse **To see you high and lifted up,
shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out your pow’r and love
as we sing “Holy, holy, holy.”**

Bridge **Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
I want to see You.**

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Greeting (2 Corinthians 13:13)

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.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of God,
who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us,
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

C: Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Holy One,

**C: we confess that we have wandered far from you:
we have not trusted your promises,
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.
Have mercy on us!**

Forgive us and turn us again to you.

**Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love,
and help us to love our neighbor.**

Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ,

the Word draws near to you,

and all who call out to God shall be saved.

In Jesus, God comes to you again and again
and gathers you under wings of love.

In Jesus' name your sins are forgiven.

God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise Kyrie

For music turn to page 28 in the Blue Hymnal

A: Kyrie eleison:

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: Christe eleison:

C: Christ, have mercy.

A: Kyrie eleison:

C: Lord, have mercy.

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

† WORD †

First Reading Isaiah 65:17-25

B: ¹⁷For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

²⁰No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.

²⁴Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Poetry Psalm 126 (read responsively)

D: The Lord brings us back to Zion,
we are like dreamers,
laughing, dancing,
with songs on our lips.

**C: Other nations say,
“A new world of wonders!
The Lord is with them.”**

D: Yes, God works wonders.
Rejoice! Be glad!

**C: Lord, bring us back
as water to thirsty land.**

D: Those sowing in tears
reap, singing and laughing.

**C: They left weeping, weeping,
casting the seed.
They come back singing, singing,
holding high the harvest.**

Gospel Acclamation (Luke 6:38)

**C: A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over,
will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the
measure you get back.**

Gospel Reading Luke 6:17-49

The gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

¹⁷He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

³⁹He also told them a parable: “Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher. ⁴¹Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? ⁴²Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye.

⁴³“No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; ⁴⁴for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. ⁴⁵The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

⁴⁶“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I tell you? ⁴⁷I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. ⁴⁸That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house.”

After the reading:

P: The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Blest Are They
(for music, please turn to Hymn 728 in the Red Hymnal)

**1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow;
they shall be consoled.**

Refrain

**Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!**

**2. Blest are they, the lowly ones;
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst
they shall have their fill. *Refrain***

**3. Blest are they who show mercy;
mercy shall be theirs.**

**Blest are they, the pure of heart;
they shall see God.** *Refrain*

**4. Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith;
the glory of God is theirs.** *Refrain*

**5. Blest are you who suffer hate
all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom;
shine for all to see.** *Refrain*

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Nicene Creed

P: Let us confirm our faith with the Nicene Creed

**C: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again,
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Your bulletin contains a slip of paper upon which you are invited to write a prayer petition. It can be anything at all! Or, you may leave it blank. We will have a 40 second pause to do this. Fold your paper and hold on to it until communion.

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

† MEAL †

Special Music

Offering Prayer

D: Let us pray: Extravagant God,

C: you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.

Now we gather at your feast

where you offer us the food that satisfies.

Take and use what we offer here, come among us,

and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,

in whose name we pray.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

(spoken)

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

P: In the night in which he was handed over our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Here is food and drink for the journey.
Take and be filled.

Communion Distribution

Welcome to the Lord's Supper! All who are baptized are invited to receive communion.

As you come forward bring your prayer petition and place it in the fire pit outside the side entrance door.

Please pick up a communion glass from the trays as you approach the altar.

You will receive bread from the communion assistant. (If you would prefer a gluten free wafer please ask the assistant distributing bread.) White grape juice is available in the individual glasses for those who do not wish to take wine. As we commune together everyone is invited to sing the following hymns:

Lamb of God (Page 39 of the Blue Hymnal)

334 *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (Red Hymnal)*

50 *In Remembrance (Songbook Binder)*

Communion Blessing *After all have communed the pastor will say:*

P: The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

D: Let us pray:

Blessed Jesus,
in this rich meal of grace,
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope
to a world in need.

C: Amen.

† SENDING †

Blessing

P: You are children of God,
anointed with the oil of gladness
and strengthened for the journey.

Almighty God,
Motherly, majestic, and mighty,
Bless you this day and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn Amazing Love
(For music see Hymn 62 in the Songbook binder)

**1. My Lord, what love is this that pays so dearly;
That I the guilty one may go free.**

Refrain:

**Amazing love, O what sacrifice,
The son of God, giv'n for me;
My debt He pays and my death He dies,
That I might live, that I might live.**

**2. And so, they watched Him die, despised, rejected;
But O the blood he shed Flowed for me. Refrain**

**3. And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers;
Come wash your guilt away, live again. Refrain**

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: God's Work. Our Hands.

Worship assistants TODAY:

Greeters and Ushers	Linda Flood
Acolyte	Creed White
Altar Care	Linda Thompson
Communion Assistants	Linda Flood
Counters	Nancy and Ivan Shuler
Coffee Hour	

Worship assistants for next Sunday, March 13, 2022

Greeters and Ushers	Tom and Carol Urbanic
Acolyte	Jonathan Buch
Counters	Tom Kurilovitch and Helen Crown
Coffee Hour	

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