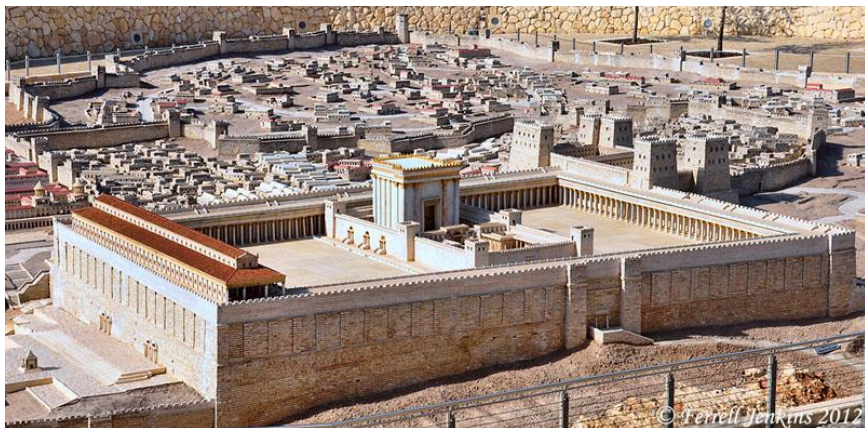




# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## *Jesus in Jerusalem*

### *Mark 11:20-13:37*

*March 18, 2018*

*10:30 Holy Communion*

Today we cover almost three chapters of Mark's gospel. Even though this is a lot of material it all takes place in one day – Tuesday of Holy Week. Jesus is challenged by many of the religious leaders but he always comes out on the winning side of the argument. This is an interesting contrast to the way he will act on Friday when he barely responds at all.

### *Welcome to worship today!*

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

Nursery care is available during the service. Please see one of the ushers if you need more information.

# † GATHERING †

## Prelude and Announcements

Gathering Hymn Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross  
(For music see Hymn 335 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
there's a precious fountain;  
free to all, a healing stream  
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.**

*Refrain:* **In the cross, in the cross  
be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.**

2. **Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and morning star  
sheds its beams around me. Refrain**

3. **Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
bring its scene before me;  
help me walk from day to day  
with its shadow o'er me. Refrain**

4. **Near the cross I'll watch and wait,  
hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand  
just beyond the river. Refrain**

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915. Music: William H. Doane, 1832-1915

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.**

Gathering Dialog (Adapted from "Draw Me to Yourself" in Guerillas of Grace by Ted Loder, copyright 1981 Augsburg Fortress)

P: In this moment  
draw me to yourself, Lord,

and make me aware

**C: not so much of what I've given  
as of all I have received  
and so have yet to share.**

P: Send me forth  
in power and gladness  
and with great courage  
to live out in the world  
what I pray and profess,

**C: that, in sharing  
I may do justice,  
make peace,  
grow in love,  
enjoy myself,  
other people,  
and your world now,  
and you forever.**

*Prayer of the Day*

A: Let us pray...

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruit 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 †

*Bible Reading* Mark 11:20-12:44

A1: In the morning as they passed by, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. <sup>21</sup>Then Peter remembered and said to him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered." <sup>22</sup>Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. <sup>23</sup>Truly I tell you, if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and if you do not doubt in your heart, but believe that what you say will come to pass, it will be done for you. <sup>24</sup>So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. <sup>25</sup>"Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses."

A2: Again they came to Jerusalem. As he was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to him <sup>28</sup>and said, "By what authority

are you doing these things? Who gave you this authority to do them?”<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to them, “I will ask you one question; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things.<sup>30</sup> Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin? Answer me.”<sup>31</sup> They argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’<sup>32</sup> But shall we say, ‘Of human origin?’” —they were afraid of the crowd, for all regarded John as truly a prophet.<sup>33</sup> So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.”

A3: Then he began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watchtower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.<sup>2</sup> When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard.<sup>3</sup> But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed.<sup>4</sup> And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted.<sup>5</sup> Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed.<sup>6</sup> He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’<sup>7</sup> But those tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’<sup>8</sup> So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.<sup>9</sup> What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others.<sup>10</sup> Have you not read this scripture:

‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;

<sup>11</sup>this was the Lord’s doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes?’”

<sup>12</sup>When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

A4: Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said.<sup>14</sup> And they came and said to him, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?<sup>15</sup> Should we pay them, or should we not?” But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, “Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it.”<sup>16</sup> And they brought one. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.”<sup>17</sup> Jesus said to them, “Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” And they were utterly amazed at him.

A1: Some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, saying,<sup>19</sup> “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that ‘if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no child, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.’<sup>20</sup> There were seven brothers; the first married and,

when he died, left no children; <sup>21</sup>and the second married her and died, leaving no children; and the third likewise; <sup>22</sup>none of the seven left children. Last of all the woman herself died. <sup>23</sup>In the resurrection whose wife will she be? For the seven had married her.”

<sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, “Is not this the reason you are wrong, that you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God? <sup>25</sup>For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. <sup>26</sup>And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the story about the bush, how God said to him, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? <sup>27</sup>He is God not of the dead, but of the living; you are quite wrong.”

A2: One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup>you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ <sup>31</sup>The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” <sup>32</sup>Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; <sup>33</sup>and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” <sup>34</sup>When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

A3: While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said, “How can the scribes say that the Messiah is the son of David? <sup>36</sup>David himself, by the Holy Spirit, declared,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet.””

<sup>37</sup>David himself calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?” And the large crowd was listening to him with delight.

<sup>38</sup>As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup>and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup>They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

A4: He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup>Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup>For all of them have

contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn Rock of Ages

*(For music turn to Hymn 28 in the Songbook binder)*

**There is no rock, there is no god like our God;  
no other name worthy of all our praise.**

**The rock of salvation that cannot be moved,  
He’s proven himself to be faithful and true.**

**There is no rock, there is no god like ours. (Repeat)**

**Rock of ages, Jesus is the rock.**

**Rock of ages, Jesus is the rock.**

**Rock of ages, Jesus is the rock.**

**There is no rock, there is no god like ours.**

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Bible Reading Continued: Mark 13

A5: As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.

<sup>9</sup>“As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. <sup>10</sup>And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. <sup>11</sup>When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. <sup>12</sup>Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; <sup>13</sup>and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

A6: “But when you see the desolating sacrilege set up where it ought not to be (let the reader understand), then those in Judea must flee to the mountains; <sup>15</sup>the one on the housetop must not go down or enter the house to take anything away; <sup>16</sup>the one in the field must not turn back to get a coat. <sup>17</sup>Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing infants in those days! <sup>18</sup>Pray that it may not be in winter. <sup>19</sup>For in those days there will be suffering, such as has not been from the beginning of the creation that God created until now, no, and never will be. <sup>20</sup>And if the Lord had not cut short those days, no one would be saved; but for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, he has cut short those days. <sup>21</sup>And if anyone says to you at that time, ‘Look! Here is the Messiah!’ or ‘Look! There he is!’ —do not believe it. <sup>22</sup>False messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. <sup>23</sup>But be alert; I have already told you everything. <sup>24</sup>“But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

A7: “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup>“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Children’s Sermon*

*Sermon*

Hymn of the Day     Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed  
(For music see Hymn 337 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Alas! And did my Savior bleed,  
and did my sov'reign die?  
Would he devote that sacred head  
for sinners such as I?**
2. **Was it for sins that I had done  
he groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown,  
and love beyond degree!**
3. **Well might the sun in darkness hide  
and shut its glories in  
when God, the mighty maker, died  
for his own creatures' sin.**
4. **Thus might I hide my blushing face  
while his dear cross appears,  
dissolve my heart in thankfulness,  
and melt my eyes to tears.**
5. **But tears of grief cannot repay  
the debt of love I owe;  
here, Lord, I give myself away;  
'tis all that I can do.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748. Music: Hugh Wilson, 1764-1824

Nicene Creed

A: 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

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*The pastor will begin the prayer with a petition and then invites the congregation to add additional petitions and thanksgivings. Please conclude your petition with: Lord in your mercy,*

*The congregation will respond: **Hear our prayer.***

*The pastor concludes the prayer:*

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

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 †

Offering and Special Music

Hymn of Thanksgiving For music turn to page 35 in the Blue Hymnal

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.**

**Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.**

**Gather the hopes and dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.**

**Grace our table with your presence, Lord,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray: Merciful God,

**C: receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. 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.**

*Communion Distribution*

*Welcome to the Lord's Supper! All who are baptized are invited to receive communion. You will receive bread from the communion assistant. If you need gluten free wafers please ask the assistant distributing bread. You may receive wine from either the common cup or in an individual glass. If you would like to receive in a glass please pick one up from the tray as you approach the altar rail. 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)*

**492 Eat this Bread (Red Hymnal)**

**50 In Remembrance of Me (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*

**A:** Let us pray:

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be a hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

†    SENDING    †

*Blessing*

**P:** May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**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

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **God's Work. Our Hands.**

**Worship assistants TODAY:**

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Acolyte	Julia Bullwinkle
Altar Care	Beth Perdan
Communion Assistants	Helen Crown and Sally Mansfield
Nursery Care	Kristi Bullwinkle
Counters	John and Linda Thompson
Coffee Hour	Joy Lethbridge, Ella Schuller, Becky Nohe

Worship assistants for next Sunday, March 25, 2018

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Altar Care	Beth Perdan
Communion Assistants	Nancy and Ivan Shuler
Nursery Care	Katy and Bill Stimmel
Counters	Linda Flood and Sue Kaufmann
Coffee Hour	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion

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