

***Mercy Flowing from Love***

***5th Sunday in Lent***

**March 22nd, 2015**

**Service of the Word and Prayer**

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*Congregation reads* ***bold print*** *\*Please stand*

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING REFLECTION**

Mercy. We sing about it every Sunday. In Lent, it is our focused appeal to God in light of where we are in our journey…to Easter. Even James Brown of pop music touted the words: “Have mercy baby, I know I done you wrong.” Good try, Jim, but it goes deeper than that. When we sing “Kyrie Eleison,” it is a deep, inner cry for justice, God’s justice toward us. That doesn’t mean that we don’t want to experience God’s justice toward us, but in fact, we do want God to enact his justice that pours out of his love for us. God’s justice toward sin was satisfied through Jesus on the cross so God’s justice of love may flow out to and over us in the form of forgiveness and justification in Christ. **God of mercy, let your justice flow like a river over all of us. Amen.**

**BELL**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS *left-column* ELW p. 211**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** *The Glory of These Forty Days* **ELW #320**

**\*GREETING ELW p. 213**

**\*KYRIE p. 213**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE p. 214**

\* **PRAYER OF THE DAY L: The Lord be with you C: And also with you.**

L: O God,

**C: with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits 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. Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSV)**

31The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. 33But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 51:1-12**   *(read responsively* ***bold type****)*

1Have mercy on me, O God,  
    **according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my**

**transgressions.**

2Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
    **and cleanse me from my sin.**

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3For I know my transgressions,  
    **and my sin is ever before me.**

4Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
**and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence  
    and blameless when you pass judgment.**

5Indeed, I was born guilty,  
    **a sinner when my mother conceived me.**

6You desire truth in the inward being;  
    **therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

7Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
    **wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

8Let me hear joy and gladness;  
**let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

9Hide your face from my sins,  
**and blot out all my iniquities.**

10Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
    **and put a new and right spirit within me.**

11Do not cast me away from your presence,  
    **and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

12Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
**and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

**SECOND READING Hebrews 5:5-10 (NRSV)**

5So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; 6as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” 7In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; 9and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, 10having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

\***LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Jesus, Remember Me* **ELW #616**

\***GOSPEL John 12:20-33 C: Glory to you O Lord.**

20Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. 21They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” 22Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. 27“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. 28Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” 29The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” 30Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. 31Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. 32And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” 33He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

SERMON

**\* HYMN OF THE DAY**  *O Lord throughout These Forty Days*  **ELW #319**

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED ELW p. 217**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** L: Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

\***SHARING THE PEACE** L: The peace of the Lord be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

**THANKSGIVING**

**OFFERING**

**\*OFFERING HYMN** *Create in Me a Clean Heart***ELW# 188**

**\*THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD** *(gray shaded area)* **ELW p. 220**

**\*THE LORD’S PRAYER**  *Sung*

**SENDING**

**\* BLESSING**  L: May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you in the hope of the resurrection. In the name of the Father, and + of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: *Three-Fold Amen.***

**\*SENDING HYMN** *We Come to You for Healing, Lord*  **ELW #617**

**BELL**

**SENDING** L: Journey on in peace and in God’s mercy. **C: Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

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*Where mercy, love, and pity dwell, there God is dwelling too*. ~ **William Blake**

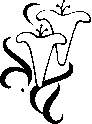
**Readings for next Sunday:** Mark 11:1-11 [*Procession with palms*];

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 15:1-39[40-47]

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



*We remember in our prayers…all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:* ***Bea Behrens, Vi Benoy, Agnes Carlson, Lisa******Carlson & family, Donna Fisk, Rhonda Bonk, Danny Lang, and the daughter of Darrell & Janice Buhmann.*** *Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.*

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***TODAY is the last day to donate a plant(s) to Trinity for the Easter season, please fill out the pink form inserted in your bulletin. Make your check out to “Trinity Lutheran”. You can take your plant home after Easter.***

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

****MONDAY & TUESDAY, MARCH 17**-Vicar Kent will be @ Luther Seminary from Mondays PM until Tuesdays PM.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**-5:00-6:15 pm Youth Lenten Supper-Spring Picnic.

**6:30 pm Lenten Worship-***Nicodemus encounters REDEMPTION in Christ*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29-Palm Sunday**

9 AM Worship

10 AM Sunday School

*Reader: Clayton Duncanson, Acolyte: Kylee Harder*

*Ushers: \*Tom Kneeland, Tom Dodge, Dan Smith and Chad Hastad*

***HOLY WEEK LENTEN SERVICES***

***MAUNDY THURSDAY ~ April 2nd –****A**10 am Service w/Communion will be held in the fellowship hall with coffee and rolls afterwards. There will be a sign-up sheet coming soon.*

***GOOD FRIDAY ~ April 3rd*** *--A 7 pm Service with Communion will be held*

***EASTER SUNDAY ~ April 5th 9 AM Easter Worship with Communion***

*YOUTH EASTER BREAKFAST to be held from 7:30-8:45 am Easter morning, serving various egg bakes, and cinnamon rolls. (free will offering)*

*(Lenten offering— ½ is going to Heaven’s Table Food Shelf and ½ is going to CREST of Martin County.*

***RECEIVE VOLUNTEER HELP FROM CREST****-It might be help with chores, having a neighbor take you to a doctor’s appointment or friendly visits. CREST a “Faith in Action” program is looking for care receivers like you. CREST volunteers help people who are elderly or who have disabilities and now we are offering our services in the community of Truman. We are a part of the National Faith in Action Network and are dedicated to fostering caring relationships.* ***We help to maintain your independence by arranging a volunteer from Truman******to help you****. For more information about the services offered by CREST call 507-235-3833.*

**Caregiver Group Education and Support Workshops**—Sessions in our area are listed on the green sheet on the bulletin board. *A caregiver is a family member, close friend or neighbor who takes care of a frail or disabled order person. The role comes with challenges and blessings. The Caregiver support team is designed to help manage stress and obstacles and learn new skills, find needed resources and discover the rewards and satisfaction of caregiving.*