



Sunday, April 3, 2022

Lent 5

WELCOME

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord.

People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Pastor: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving.

People: Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

Pastor: For the LORD is a great God.

People: And a great King above all gods.

Pastor: In His hand are the depths of the earth.

People: The heights of the mountains are His also.

Pastor: The sea is His, for He made it.

People: And His hands formed the dry land.

Pastor: Oh come, let us worship and bow down.

People: Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker.

Pastor: For He is our God.

People: And we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

8th GRADE TESTIMONY - MADILYN SACHAU

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:1-10

¹He entered Jericho and was passing through. ²And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. ⁴So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. ⁵And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. ⁷And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." ⁸And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." ⁹And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham." ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Aaron Smith

CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: 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. Amen.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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 on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall 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.

COMMITMENT TO LOVE

Pastor: Let us reaffirm our commitment to love one another, using Galatians 6.

People: So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

CONFESSION OF SACRAMENT

Pastor: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

People: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Offerings can be placed on a plate near the stairs or the back of the sanctuary.

Holy Communion, or the Lord's Supper, is celebrated today. Our Lord cautions us to be discerning before participating in the Supper (1 Cor. 11:28-30). For this reason, we ask all those communing here for the first time to speak with Pastor Aaron prior to communing. The Lord bids the baptized to come united in the following: in repentance for the forgiveness of sins (1 Cor. 11:23-25; Matt. 26:26-28), in confession of who Christ is and what Christ has done (1 Cor. 11:26), in faith and love with our fellow communicants (1 Cor. 11:20-22), and believing that Christ is bodily present in bread and wine (Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:27-29).

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

ALWAYS

My foes are many, they rise against me
But I will hold my ground
I will not fear the war, I will not fear the storm
My help is on the way, my help is on the way

***Chorus: Oh, my God, He will not delay
My refuge and strength always
I will not fear, His promise is true
My God will come through always, always***

Troubles surround me, chaos abounding
My soul will rest in You
I will not fear the war, I will not fear the storm
My help is on the way, my help is on the way

(Chorus 2x)

I lift my eyes up, my help comes from the Lord
I lift my eyes up, my help comes from the Lord
I lift my eyes up, my help comes from the Lord
I lift my eyes up, my help comes from the Lord

(Chorus 2x)

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GREATER THAN OUR HEARTS

O let us by your cross abide,
You, only You, resolved to know
The Lamb for sinners crucified,
A world to save from endless woe

***Chorus: You who are greater than our hearts,
Come make Your faithful mercies known
The mind of Christ to us impart,
Your constant mind in us be shown***

Take us into your people's rest,
And we from our own works shall cease
With your meek Spirit arm our breast,
And keep our minds in perfect peace

(Chorus)

Jesus, for this we calmly wait,
Oh let our eyes behold You near
Hurry to make our heaven complete,
Appear our glorious God, appear

(Chorus 2x)

PRAYERS

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR YOUTH MISSION TRIP

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

ONLY KING FOREVER

Our God and firm foundation
Our Rock the only solid ground
The nations rise and fall
Kingdoms once strong now shaken
We trust forever in Your name
The name of Jesus
We trust in the name of Jesus

***Chorus 2x: You are the only King forever
Almighty God we lift You higher
You are the only King forever
Forevermore You are victorious (2x)***

Unmatched in all Your wisdom
In love and justice You will reign
And ev'ry knee will bow
We bring our expectations
Our hope is anchored in Your name
The name of Jesus
Oh we trust the name of Jesus

(Chorus x2)

***Bridge x2: We lift our banner high
We lift the name of Jesus
From age to age You reign
Your kingdom has no end***

(Chorus 2x)

LCMS Response to War in Ukraine

Read about it at [LCMS.org/ukraine](https://www.lcms.org/ukraine)

Grace Women's Book Club News

We will be reading *Person of Interest: Why Jesus Still Matters in a World that Rejects the Bible* by J. Warner Wallace for the month of April. We will meet at 7:00pm at the home of Judi Anderson on Thursday, April 21st for discussion and dessert. 2817 Cantegra Glen, Escondido. (Gate Code #1532). Please confirm your attendance by calling or texting Judi at: 760-443-2278, or email: heyjude6168@cox.net Hope you can join us!

Grace Publication and Property Requests

Just a reminder for those of you that would like to submit information for Grace publications or if you hold a Bible Study at Grace and need to request a room. We have forms for each request available on our website under the Resource tab: [gracelutheranescondido.org](https://www.gracelutheranescondido.org)
Any questions can be directed to Vanessa at vlippman@gracelcms.net. Or 760-745-0831 ext. 7114.

Grace Christian Preschool Job Opportunity

We are currently accepting resumes for energetic and experienced teachers and assistant teachers for our Infants-Pre-K Plus programs. We are looking for loving Christian teachers. Please find more information on our website About Us page for more information.
<https://graceschoolescondido.org/about-us/>

Rental Available

A Grace Member has an apartment for rent near the church. If you know of anyone interested, or for more information, please call the church office: 760-745-0831.

GOT SCRIP?

Stop by the Narthex before you leave today and pick up your grocery, Home Depot or Starbucks scrip!
Grace thanks you for your support!

Lent Services

Community Lutheran Church:

- Escondido Campus: Wednesdays, March 9 - April 6th at 7:00pm with a soup supper from 5:30-6:30.
- San Marcos Campus Lenten Study: Tuesdays, March 8 - April 5th at 7:00pm with a soup supper from 6:30-7:00pm.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church:

- Lenten Divine Service Wednesdays at noon (in person)
- Lenten service Wednesdays at 7:00pm (in person and Zoom)

Holy Week Worship Times

Maundy Thursday - 7:00pm

Good Friday - 7:00pm

Easter Sunday - 7:30am and 9:00am

THE SEASON OF LENT

The Lenten Season begins Ash Wednesday. There follow 40 days of repentance and reflection during this most holy season. Because Sundays are always festivals of the Resurrection, the Sundays are in Lent and not of Lent. Because of the penitential character of the Lenten Season, we do not use the joyous expression "Alleluia" ("Praise the Lord").

The color for Lent is purple. The color purple denotes sorrow and repentance, as our Lord Jesus Christ suffers for us. The color for Ash Wednesday is black, the color of ashes. It has been a customary practice to "give something up for Lent." The idea is that as we practice discipline and self-control, we look to our Lord Jesus Christ in His Word, prayer, and meditation.



Prayers this week:

- Prayers for the family of Pat Turner. She died on March 18.
- Prayers for Michelle's sister, Laurie, who had back surgery this past Monday and also prayers for her brother, Joe, who has stage 4 melanoma and still figuring out the best treatment.
And also prayers for son, Zack, and Leah on their upcoming wedding.
- Prayers for Deborah Jackson who had a hip surgery this past week.
- Prayers for Coty's friend, Sarah, whose brother died unexpectedly.
 - Prayers for Lucas' friend, Jaden, whose father just died.

Home to Heaven: Pat Turner (3/18)

Continued Prayers (continuing care/homebound):

Eric Breitenfeld, Jim Crouse (Coty Hitchcock's dad), Norbert DeHoff, Sherry Fischer, Pat Funderburk, Thad Gonsalves, Norma Kellerup, Ellie Liebmann, Scott Lopez Family, Karen and Mark Moore, Debra Nguyen's nephew, Cayden (leukemia), Cathy Phillips, Betty Reimnitz, Violet Reitmeyer, Rippel Family, Nita Roth, Tom Sadowski (Carla Santoro's dad).

ON SITE SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Sunday Worship:

9:00AM English Worship Service

11:15AM Spanish Worship Service

10:30AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

For online worship please go to:

gracelutheranescondido.org/sermons/

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New Horizons Bible Study Wed. 9:30AM
Women's Bible Study 1st and 3rd Thur. 9AM
High School Youth "The Stand" Wed. 7PM
Adult Bible Study Thursday 7PM
Men's Bible Study Saturday 7AM
Junior High School "Face to Face" Sat. 6PM

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