

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA**  
**Worship Bulletin Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021**  
**First Sunday in Lent – 8:30 AM**

**ELW Holy Communion Setting Three**

***Prior to Worship, please text Prayers to Holy Cross' "Text in Church" # 314.329.0487 & Pastor will lift them during Prayers of the People today***

**GATHERING** The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** *Create in Me a Clean Heart* from *Worship in Many Colors* arr. by Melody Bober

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Keeper of the Covenant, The Source of steadfast Love, our Rock and Redeemer. **Amen.**

God hears us when we cry and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Fountain of Living Water,  
**Pour out your mercy over us.**

**Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.**

**Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn.**

**Wash us in your cleansing flood.**

**Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus,**

**As healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen!**

Beloved, God's word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:

By the saving Love of Jesus Christ,

The wisdom and power of God,

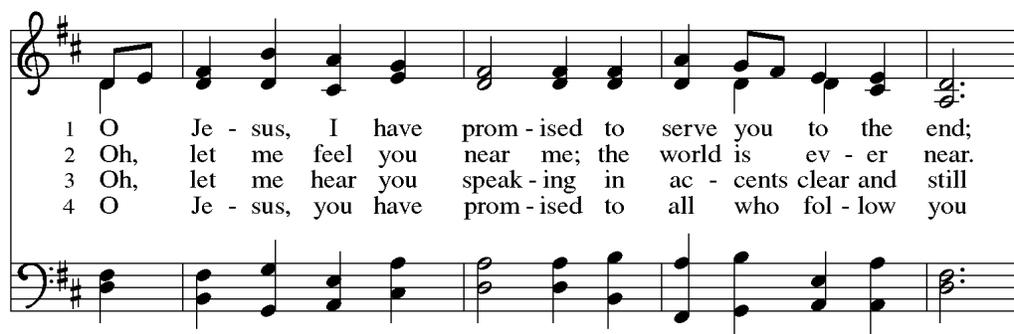
Your sins are + forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

Journey in the way to Jesus.

**Amen!**

**GATHERING SONG** *O Jesus, I Have Promised* (ELW 810 )

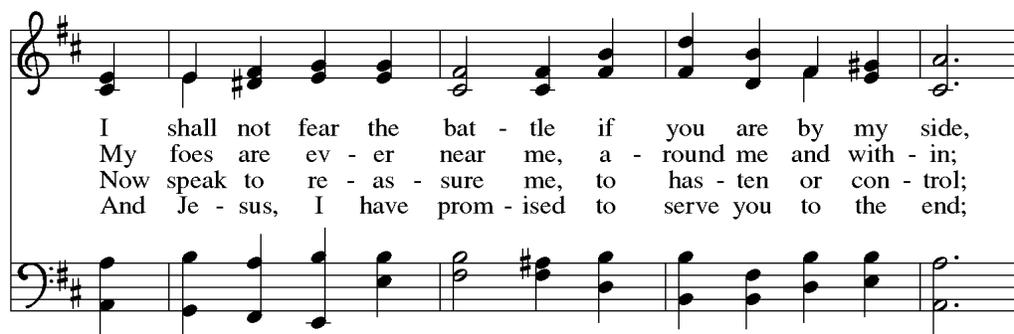
## O Jesus, I Have Promised



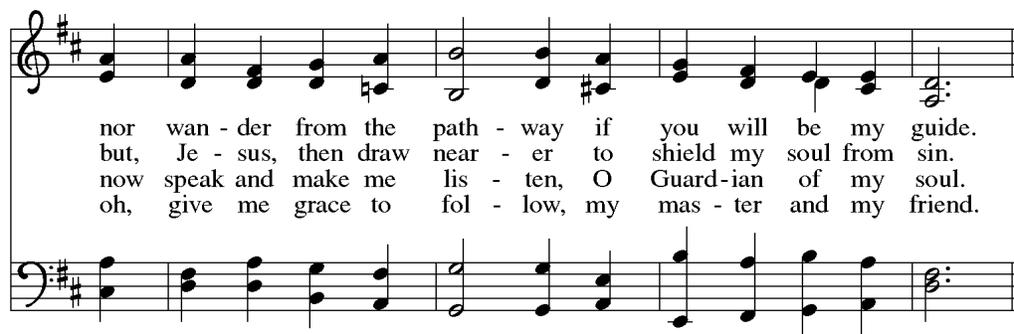
1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.  
 Music: MUNICH, *Neuermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**WORD God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song**

**KIDS' MESSAGE** Includes **FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17** Read by Pastor

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(Rest of Kid's Message)

**PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10** Read by Worship Assistant and **All / Pastor (Verses in Bold)**

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22** Read by Worship Assistant

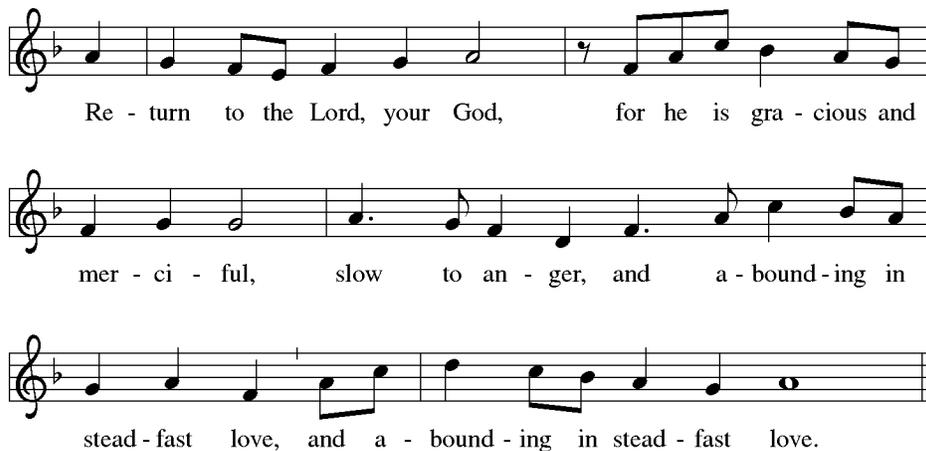
A reading from 1 Peter.

*As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.*

<sup>18</sup>Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15** Read by the Worship Asst.

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.*

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

<sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON A Global Guarantee in a Global World**

**HYMN OF THE DAY *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (ELW 325 )* Next Page ->**

### **CREED *The Apostles' Creed***

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

## I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me: I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me: all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE LED BY WORSHIP ASST.

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance; teach us to trust always in the Good News of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You have made a covenant of mercy with every living creature. Protect all the earth's creatures from destruction. Empower the work of biologists, conservationists, and science educators. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

All your paths are loving and faithful. Direct the words and actions of leaders in our community and throughout the world, that they may maintain justice for the lowly. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Even in the wilderness you are with us. Walk alongside migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands. Tend to those whose lives feel desolate. Give healing and strength to all who suffer

***Sionie Elavsky, Vika** (Yelena Barnhart's aunt, recovering at home on oxygen), **Keith DeCamp, Myron and Patsy Holm, Adam Jackson, Betty Kent, Al Leimbach, Vera Bannen** (heart monitoring), **Lois Ristau** (recovering from recent surgery), **Wayne Mosher** (cardiac issues), **Dennis McCracken** (moved into Hospice care), **Tara** (Mary Bailey's daughter), **Scotty Larson** (can now put her own body brace on and graduated from therapy, exercising on her own), **Bud Niebling** (recovering from carpal tunnel surgery), **Dot Bangert** (at home recovering), **Steve** (friend of Tocco's & Rockwell's), **Leah, Michael Rockwell** (upcoming surgery), **Donna Jackson** (recovering from broken ribs), **Lloyd Campbell** (tests for cancer), **Jack Hamill** (laser eye surgery for glaucoma to relieve pressure), **JR** (Merry Franklin's brother is having health issues), **Todd Halter** (Merry Franklin's nephew is having heart issues), **Marty Little** (for wellness), **Bryce Mosher & family** (Tested positive for Covid - isolating from family, praying no one else becomes ill), **Lisa** (daughter of Hilde, Helen Krull's sister, home from recent hospitalization), **Gayl Pease** (Goddaughter of Sandy Kalin. She need testing for cysts), **Seth Andrews** (Godson of Sandy Kalin. He has blood clots in his legs), **Hannah** (a young mother with many challenges in her life), **Jackie Johnson***

***Remembering families in their time of need & loss...***

***The Family of Pat Woracheck,***

***The Family of Donna Breidenbach.** Dear friend of Clint & Jayne Kasten*

***The Snelson Family.** For the passing of Brian's father*

*A Special Prayer for those who are working in these extreme cold and snowy conditions... **Road crews, Police and County Sheriff Officers, & Utility Workers, and all others who spend more time out in the elements** - God, please keep them safe and warm. And also remember those who do not have permanent housing... keep the shelters open so they can find warmth and food.*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In the covenant of baptism you claim us as beloved children. Nurture us in our baptismal identity and teach us to live within it for the sake of others. Strengthen this congregation's ministries of care and concern as we embark on a new Strategic Vision and Capital Campaign to pay off the building debt. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered from Text-in-Church or emails to Pastor.*

*Pastor:* In baptism you join us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise you for all those who have died trusting in your faithfulness. Bring us with them to the fullness of your reign. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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

## MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

**OFFERING** *Please continue to offer to Holy Cross what you desire to give to God through*

*1) Your established e-giving pledge through Vanco OR*

*2) through a new mobile App called GIVEPLUS+ is available from your mobile store online*

*3) send your check directly to Holy Cross at 13014 Olive Blvd. in Creve Coeur, MO 63141*

*4) Go to our Website and hit "DONATE NOW" <http://www.holycrosselca.com/site/cs/links.asp>*

*The presiding minister instructs those communing at home to gather their bread / cracker / wine/ grape juice elements to hold up during the Words of Institution.*

**OFFERTORY** *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* from *God Will Guide You*

arr. by Michael D. Costello

**OFFERING PRAYER** *After the table is set, the assisting minister leads.*

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 144)**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

**[For Home Communion, please HOLD UP your Communion Elements]**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,**

now and forever. Amen.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ELW p. 146)**

*The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.*

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for Home Communion.*

**COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION INSTRUMENTAL** *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* arr. Paul Manz

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *The assisting minister leads.*

Let us pray.

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

**SENDING** **God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING** Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** *Thy Holy Wings (ELW 613)*

## Thy Holy Wings

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,  
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast  
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
 where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.  
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
 and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite  
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**DISMISSAL**

*The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *The Glory of These Forty Days* from *O For A Thousand Tongues,*  
*12 Preludes and Postludes for the Church Year*  
arr. by Robert J. Powell

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