

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
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*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA  
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# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

## *EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING 10 (PAGES 203-209)*

*The liturgy is in the front of the ELW with numbers at the bottom of the pages.  
The hymns begin in the middle of the ELW with numbers at the top of the pages.*

### PRELUDE

### RINGING OF THE BELL

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's  
abiding love.

P: Compassionate One,

**C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the  
world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to  
us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant  
to all people.**

**We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and  
again.**

**We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.**

**Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.  
Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide

To welcome the wandering ones home.

In † Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN #597 "MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS"**

(f) The Timid or Fearing Pharisees. They went ever in fear of the wrath of God. They were, as it was said of Burns, not helped but haunted by their religion.

(g) The God-loving Pharisees. They were copies of Abraham and lived in faith and charity.

There may have been six bad Pharisees for every good one; but this passage shows that even amongst the Pharisees there were those who admired and respected Jesus.

(ii) This passage shows us Jesus talking to Herod Antipas king of Galilee, who was out to stop him. To the Jew the fox was a symbol of three things. First it was regarded as the slyest of animals. Second, it was regarded as the most destructive of animals. Third, it was the symbol of a worthless and insignificant man.

It takes a brave man to call the reigning king a fox. Latimer was once preaching in Westminster Abbey when Henry the king was one of the congregation. In the pulpit he soliloquised, "Latimer! Latimer! Latimer! Be careful what you say. The king of England is here!" Then he went on, "Latimer! Latimer! Latimer! Be careful what you say. The King of Kings is here."

Jesus took his orders from God, and he would not shorten his work by one day to please or to escape any earthly king.

(iii) The lament over Jerusalem is most important, because it is another of the passages which shows how little we really know of Jesus' life. It is quite clear that Jesus could never have spoken like this, unless he had more than once gone with his offer of love to Jerusalem; but in the first three gospels there is no indication of any such visits. Once again it is made plain that in the gospels we have the merest sketch of Jesus' life.

Nothing hurts so much as to go to someone and offer love and have that offer spurned. It is life's bitterest tragedy to give one's heart to someone only to have it broken. That is what happened to Jesus in Jerusalem; and still he comes to men, and still men reject him. But the fact remains that to reject God's love is in the end to be in peril of his wrath.

# Courage and Tenderness

*Luke 13:31-35*

*At that hour some Pharisees came to Jesus. "Depart," they said to him, "and get on your way from this place, because Herod is out to kill you." "Go," he said, "and tell that fox, look you, I cast out demons and I work cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day my work is perfected. I must be on my way today, and tomorrow and the next day, because it is not possible for a prophet to perish out of Jerusalem. Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Killer of the prophets! Stoner of those who were sent to you! How often I wanted to gather together your children as a hen gathers her brood under her wings-- and you would not! Look you, your house is desolate. I tell you you will not see me until you shall say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'" Because of the behind-the-scenes insight that it gives into the life of*

*Jesus, this is one of the most interesting passages in Luke's gospel.*

(i) It gives us the, at first sight, surprising information that not all the Pharisees were hostile to Jesus. Here we have some of them actually warning him that he was in danger, and advising him to seek safety. It is true that from the gospels we do get a one-sided picture of the Pharisees. The Jews themselves knew very well that there were good and bad Pharisees. They divided them into seven different classes.

(a) The Shoulder Pharisees. These wore their good deeds on their shoulder and performed them to be seen of men.

(b) The Wait-a-little Pharisees. They could always find a good excuse for putting off a good deed until tomorrow.

(c) The Bruised or Bleeding Pharisees. No Jewish Rabbi could be seen talking to any woman on the street, not even his wife or mother or sister. But certain of the Pharisees went further. They would not even look at a woman on the street; they even shut their eyes to avoid seeing a woman; they, therefore, knocked into walls and houses and bruised themselves; and then exhibited their bruises as special badges of extraordinary piety.

(d) The Pestle-and-Mortar or Hump-backed Pharisees. They walked bent double in a false and cringing humility; they were the Uriah Heaps of Jewish religion.

(e) The Ever-reckoning Pharisees. They were ever reckoning up their good deeds and, as it were, striking a balance-sheet of profit and loss with God.

## GREETING

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.**

**KYRIE** [PAGE 203]

♪ **Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE** [PAGE 204]

♪ **Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**

**Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...our Savior and Lord.*)

**C: Amen.**

## Announcements

### READINGS

GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18 | PSALM 27 |  
PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION [PAGE 205]

♪ Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.  
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.  
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

### GOSPEL: LUKE 13:31-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### YOUTH SERMON – NOISY OFFERING –

RECIPIENT LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE IN THE U.S.

### SERMON – REV. LEAH HOLLOWAY-NILSEN

### HYMN #834 “IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE”

### CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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.

**Fabric Kits and Mission Quilts - We will meet from Noon to 1:30PM on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at Faith** to review our progress and work together to finalize projects – organize Fabric Kits and work with Mission Quilts. Please bring materials or items which need to be finished. A light lunch will be provided.

An information sheet which provides specific details for each project item is available at both churches. If you have questions, please contact Terri Boussetot. [terribushlow@hotmail.com](mailto:terribushlow@hotmail.com)

**Office Hours:** Nicole plans to be in the secretary's office Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. Call or email the church with additions to the prayer list, bulletin, and newsletter.

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### This Week At A Glance

**Monday**                      **April newsletter items are due**

**Wednesday**            6:15 pm Meal at Our Savior's  
7:00 pm Worship at Our Savior's  
7:30 pm Bible Jam at Our Savior's

**Sunday**  
8:00 am Worship service at Our Savior's  
9:25 am Sunday School at Faith  
10:30 am Worship at Faith

#### **Those to keep in prayer:**

Carter Henning, Mallory Bousset, Cathy Goddard, Larry Schau, Diane Sievers, Margaret Travaille; the homebound: Carol Christensen, Ron Gasper, Delores Lahann, Myrna Kay Peterson, Vera St. John, Betty Schau and Bus Seastrand; and those serving in the military.

### Announcements

The **Noisy Offering** gathered today is for Lutheran Disaster Response.

During Lent, the confirmation class will be using the Holden Prayer. Pastor Leah and the Confirmation students will lead the service. **If anyone who would like to help lead the singing portions**, it would be appreciated!

**SAVE THE DATE - Help Send a Warrior to Europe!** Enjoy a meal and support a Warrior, on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-9:00 pm at Buck's Corner. A percentage of the sales that night will go to Peyton Grau!

Calamus Lutheran Parish is gathering **peanut butter** for the Carroll Assistance Center during the 40 days of Lent. The jars of peanut butter can be any size and any brand; smooth or chunky.

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and 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: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need..

*(Each petition ends: P: God of grace, C: receive our prayer)*

P: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**C: Amen.**

#### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

#### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. *(concluding...our Savior and Lord.)*

**C: 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.**

## PREFACE [PAGE 207]

P: It is indeed right...and join their unending hymn:

**C:     ♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
          heav'n 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, hosanna in the highest.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

*Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.*

**♪ O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

### HYMN #323 "GOD LOVED THE WORLD"

#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

#### POST COMMUNION HYMN [TUNE #883]

**♪ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...* Jesus Christ our Lord.)

**C: Amen.**

#### BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### HYMN #705 "GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY"

#### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

#### RINGING OF THE BELL

#### POSTLUDE

**Pastor:** Rev. Leah Holloway-Nilsen

**Organist:** Jason Boussetot or Linda Whitman

**Acolyte:** Rachel Burke

**Lector:** Brian Boussetot

**Communion Assistant:** Deb Detlefs

**Usher:** Joe Morehead

**Cleaner:** Shane and Amy Glover