

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
WORSHIP 9:30 a.m., March 21, 2021
Tree of Life– Marty Haugen

God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God’s love with all the world.

Welcome to all who are virtually visiting us today. Please sign in on the Comments section of your Facebook Live page. If you would like to be put on the Advent email list to receive bulletins and Advent updates please send your email address to adventwestminster@gmail.com or contact us through the adventwestminster.org web site
Please join us in celebrating Holy Communion this morning by having some bread and wine or grape juice available for the blessing on page 6

**Stand if able, P– Pastor, AM- assisting minister, C-congregation,*

CALL TO WORSHIP — WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS - please remain seated

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. **C: Amen.**

P: 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 for reflection and self-examination.

P: Fountain of living water, **C: 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.**

P: 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 of Jesus.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN ELW #660 “Lift High the Cross”**

Refrain: *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.*

1. *Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain.*
2. *All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of him who died. Refrain.*
3. *O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou has promised, draw us all to thee. Refrain.*
4. *So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain.*

***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**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
 Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all. 1. For the
 reign of God, and for peace through - out the
 peo - ple here who have come to give you
 world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
 thanks, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the
 Lord: Lord: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
 Help, save, and de -
 Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.
 fend us, O God: A - men.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

AM: Let us pray together. **ALL: O God, 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.**

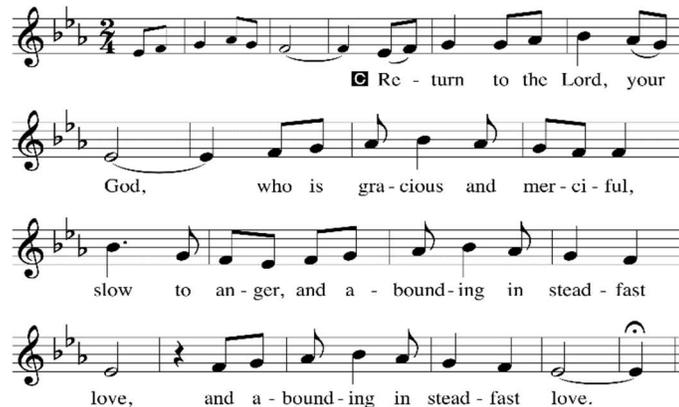
FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:13-34

After Reading: L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:5-10

After Reading: L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION**



Re - turn to the Lord, your
God, who 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 The Gospel according to St. John 12:20-33**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

After Reading: P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Vicar Paul Larson

***HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #330 “Seed that in Earth is Dying”**

- 1. Seed that in earth is dying grows into ears of grain. Grapes that are crushed in the vessel turn into golden wine. God, through this mystery grant us faith in our deepest darkness life in our night and death.*
- 2. We were baptized in Jesus, into his death and grave, to resurrection’s promise: praise and eternal life. Heaven’s own praises begin here where you yourself are near us, deep in our night and death.*

3. *Seed that in earth is dying rises to bear much fruit. Christ, as we meet at your table, give us the bread of life. Lord, we do thank and adore you! Unceasing praise of the ages rises from night and death.*

PRAYERS *(please be seated)*

AM: Hear us O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

AM:... and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C : Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Barb Martens

GREETING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you. *(please share a sign of peace with one another)*

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

AM: Let us pray together. Faithful God, **C: you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.**

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE 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.

The community takes the bread and wine/grape juice with the words: "The body of Christ broken in love for you." and "The blood of Christ shed for you"

ELW # 469 “By Your Hand You Feed Your People”

1. *By your hand you feed your people, food of angels, heaven’s bread. For these gifts we did not labor, by your grace have we been fed.*

Refrain: Christ’s own body, blessed and broken, cup o’erflowing, life outpoured, given as a living token of your world redeemed, restored.

2. *In this meal we taste your sweetness, bread for hunger, wine of peace. Holy word and holy wisdom satisfying our deepest needs.*
3. *Send us now with faith and courage to the hungry, lost, bereaved. In our living and our dying, we become what we receive. **Refrain.***

BLESSING *(please remain seated)*

P: You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **C: Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Let us pray together. God of steadfast love, **C: at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, +Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy \ Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **C: Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN ELW #772 “Oh That the Lord Would Guide my Ways”**

1. *Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his statutes still! Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!*
2. *Order my footsteps by your word and make my heart sincere: let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.*

3. *Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep; and should I e'er forget your way, restore your wand'ring sheep.*
4. *Make me to walk in your commands, 'tis a delightful road; nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my God.*

***CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE**

AM: Go in peace. Share the good news.
 C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Thank you to our Production Team—Mark Moyer, Joan LaRose, Scott Anhorn, Bruce Bradley, Kate Wyre, Karen Trinidad, Chris Borquez, Ann Hibbs, and Vicar Paul Larson who come to the church building and work to bring you the Live services every Sunday! And a special thanks to Greg Komma for his musical talents.

If you are interested in working on the production team or serving as a reader or usher for future worships, please contact us at adventpastor7979@gmail.com.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Please take your Prayer List home with you and pray for your siblings in Christ.

COVID-19 PRAYER LIST

Jan and Sandi Bordner Barb Christianson (<i>friend of Elizabeth Meier</i>) Kent Christianson's family (<i>friends of Elizabeth Meier</i>) Judy Curtis Collins (<i>friend of Denny Thompson</i>) Rev. Jerry Crow (<i>brother-in-law of Vonda Crow</i>) Ned Doty (<i>friend of Theresa Barkley</i>) Don and Linda Duncan (<i>friends of Mary Lamirato</i>) The Falconi family Sara Gallegos Sara Gechter (<i>family of Elayne Jacobson</i>)	RoseMary Sanchez Guzman (<i>pastor in the RMS</i>) Family of Gary Hollandsworth (<i>friends of Elizabeth Meier</i>) Dan Hayes and his wife (<i>RMS</i>) Nicole and Lisa (<i>friends of Jennifer Ragan</i>) Teresa and Tony Pflueger (<i>Vonda Crow's niece and her husband</i>) Harlen Redcay (<i>brother-in-law of Jesse Hammer</i>) Jerri and Don Shepherd (<i>Joan LaRose's sister</i>) Ken Thurow and his wife (<i>RMS</i>)
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SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Special Prayers to Rebecca Markel, who is recovering from emergency surgery. Special Prayers for the teachers, students and parents who are headed back to school Special Prayers for nurses and doctors who are risking their lives and Scientists (that they are able to treat and prevent the spread of the virus soon). Special Prayers for the marginalized, people of color, and essential workers. Special Prayers for all of our military: US Army, Wyatt Johnson; US Navy, Seth McComber; Sgt. Savannah Salazar; Michael Lobis, National Guard; Derek Iverson; Dan Scarbrough (<i>Ann Hibbs' nephew</i>), on active duty with the US Army at Fort Polk, Louisiana; Cody Van Zwol , Afghanistan vet, Capt. Collin Tuthill , McConnell AFB Wichita KS, pilot refueling planes in the air and all those in harm's way. Special Prayers for all those out of work, homeless and hungry in the United States and around the world. Special Prayers for refugee families seeking safety from violence and all those who feel threatened in a world of uncertainty.

GENERAL PRAYER LIST

<p>Michael Adams (<i>Lexi Larson's father</i>) *Cindy Anderson Jeff Barbee (<i>friend of Pastor Barb</i>) Jerry Bel (<i>Karen Trinidad's friend</i>) *Nelda Campbell/Gary Bishop/ Teresa Pflueger/ Michelle Foster (<i>family of Vonda Crow</i>) Megan Boyer (<i>Mandy Cohara's twin sister</i>) Kristen Brown (<i>Jill Hartmann's sister</i>) Mark Brown (<i>Becky Munoz's nephew</i>) Wally Campbell (<i>friend of Sandra Sphan</i>) Shawn Cantwell (<i>nephew of Michelle Lamirato</i>) Shelley Carey, Kim Schreiner & Sandra Schreiner (<i>Cheryl Swinhart's cousins</i>) Amber Carolus & family (<i>friend of Chris Borquez</i>) Joann Conrad (<i>Debbie Ezo's mother</i>) Gina Crane and son Blake Jackson (<i>friends of Elizabeth Meier</i>) Louise & Francis Czeponis & fam. Marge Dorsey Martie Essebagers Esther Faires Cheri Feighner (<i>Virginia Feighner's sister-in-law</i>) Lori Conner (<i>Swinhart's sister-in-law</i>) Doyle Fuhrman (<i>Jacob Fuhrman's father</i>) Tobias Funk (<i>Jan Cole's nephew</i>) *Gene (<i>Al Muniz's brother</i>) Denise G. (<i>Ann Hibb's co-worker</i>)</p>	<p>Maradith Goode Phebe Haas and family Abbey Hammer (<i>Pam and Jesse Hammer's niece</i>) *Alice Hanson Andrea Hanson (<i>Chris's sister-in-law</i>) Geraldine Harmon (<i>Ernst Blyt's sister-in-law</i>) Geneva Holmes *Jan Hurtt Julie Hyman Johnson Judy (<i>Jill Hartmann's grandmother</i>) Susan & Bob Keenan (<i>friends of Karen Trinidad</i>) Erica Kennedy (<i>Teresa Manshardt's niece</i>) Danielle Lamirato (<i>Mary Lamirato's sister-in-law</i>) Mike Lara (<i>Al Muniz's friend</i>) Janice LeBlanc (<i>sister of Tom LaRose</i>) Amy Sargent Lundy (<i>family friend of Cindy Lindholm</i>) Andrea, Clint, Todd (<i>family of Jeri Smith</i>) Families of Shawn & Kennedy Marquez (<i>friends of Rusty King</i>) Kathy Martin (<i>friend of Pastor Barb</i>) Jane Mason (<i>Martie Essebagers's sister</i>) Faith McAnally (<i>Denny Thompson's friend</i>) Chris Cupp Moore Grace Morris-Percival (<i>Hal Schweitzer's sister</i>) Cody and Mija Mortell (<i>Pastor Barb's nephew</i>) Sam Norton (<i>Pastor Travis Norton's son</i>)</p>	<p>Gail Pankow (<i>Shirley Keith's sister</i>) Vivian Paddock & family (<i>Pastor Barb's niece</i>) Mike Pappas (<i>teacher of Denny Thompson</i>) Don & Merideth Parker (<i>Ann Hibbs's Mother & Stepdad</i>) Agnieszkas Piasecka & Paolo Goce (<i>friends of Zephyr Wilkins</i>) Pepper (<i>Rebecca Markel's friend</i>) Susan Peterson Margaret Pitton (<i>Mary Lamirato's sister in law</i>) Helen Ritterodt Beth Ann Rosa (<i>Patti Antonio's friend</i>) Don Rundall (<i>Maradith Goode's uncle</i>) Ray Saenz (<i>Al Muniz's brother</i>) Sarah (<i>Rebecca Markel's friend</i>) *Lynn Schweitzer Russ Shannon Charlie Shaw (<i>friend of Lisa Cook</i>) Jean Shea (<i>Helen Ritterodt's friend</i>) Don Shepard (<i>LaRose's brother-in-law</i>) Troy Showalter (<i>nephew of Joe Munoz</i>) Jim and Jill Smith (<i>friends of Rev. Penelope Walsh</i>) Family of Jim Tobias (<i>Gunnie Tobias's son who died on October 17, 2020</i>) Dr. Tori in Michigan Frank Van Pelt Fred Vargas & Family (<i>Diane Fuhrman's brother and family</i>) *Mike Vaughn (<i>friend of Maren Blair</i>) Bob Waln Bonnie Waln</p>
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