



March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Joint Worship to be the church together.

Voices from all congregations – Hope, Augustana, First Lutheran

Worship broadcast via radio/YouTube

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

"We Are Called"

ELW #720, V.1-2



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.

Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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.**

Refrain
E G#m7 A B E G#m7 A B

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

E G#m7 A B E G#m7 Last time
A B E

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.

A B C#m

1 For peace in the world, for the

B A E

health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;

C#m B

for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,

A B A B *Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist. **Amen.**

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess. Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

Receive good news: God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you. **Amen.**



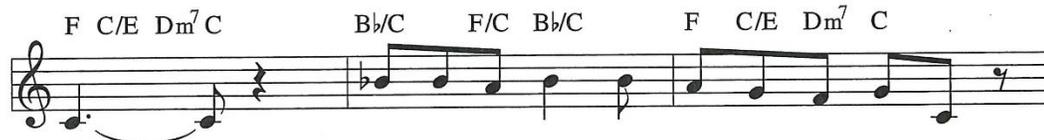
Great is the Lord, he is ho - ly and just, by his



pow-er we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is



faith - ful and true, by his mer - cy he proves he is



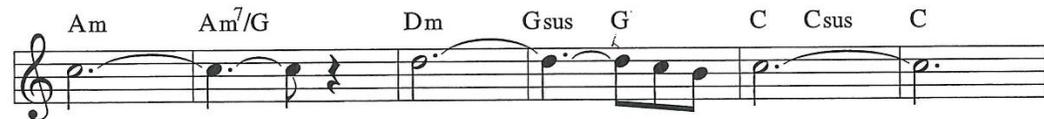
love. Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry.



Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of praise. Great is the Lord, now



lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the



Lord! Great is the Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S WORD

A READING FROM EZEKIEL 37:1-14

37 The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

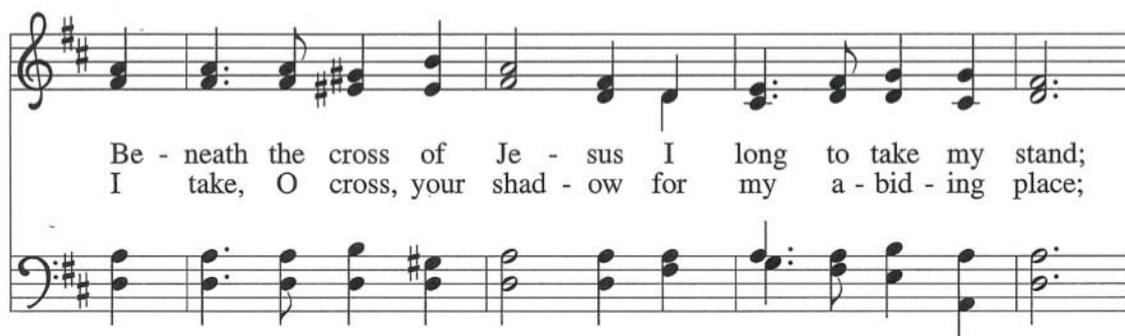
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A READING FROM PSALM 130

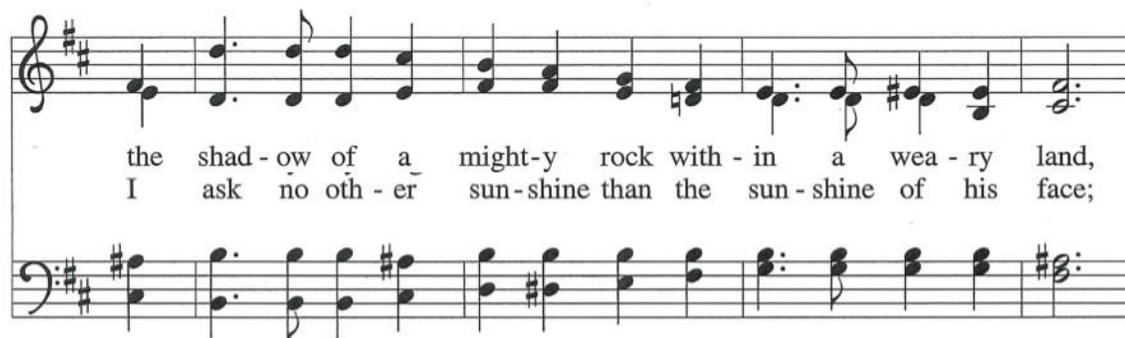
¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. ²Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! ³If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? ⁴But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. ⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; ⁶my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. ⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. ⁸It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

SERMON

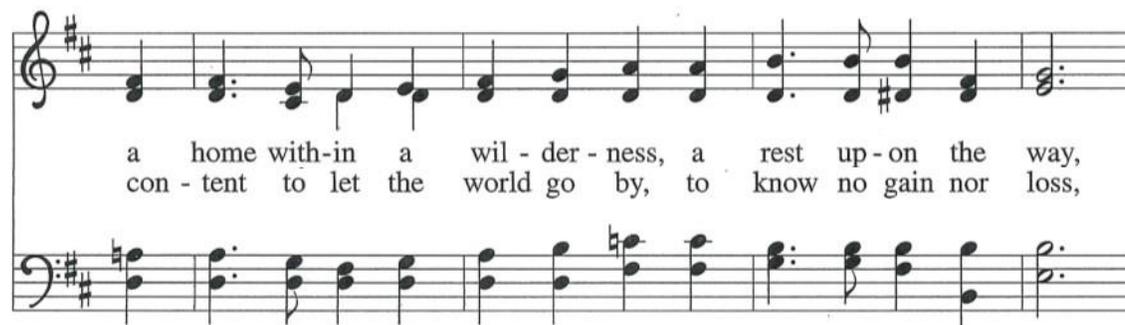
PASTOR GRETCHEN ENOCH



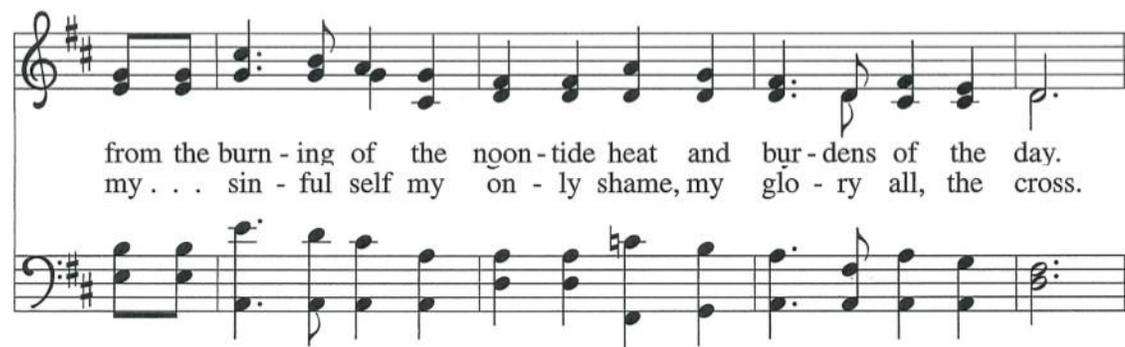
Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up-on the way,
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon-tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

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.

BENEDICTION

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"He's Got the Whole World In His Hands"

FOLK HYMNAL #56, V.1,4

He's got the whole— wide world— in His hands, He's got the
He's got — you and me, broth-er, in His hands, He's got —

big— round world— in His hands, He's got the whole— wide—
you and me, sis-ter, in His hands, He's got — you and me, —

world— in His hands— He's got the whole world in His hands.
broth-er, in His hands— He's got the whole world in His hands.

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

FIRST LUTHERAN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

It is unknown at this time if some of the events scheduled in the upcoming weeks will occur. We will do our best to keep you advised. Be sure to call the church with any questions at 739-3348 or email to office@flcff.org.

COVID 19 - For the health and safety of our community and the people of First Lutheran Church we will be suspending all in person gatherings of more than 10 people, this includes, Worship Services, Sunday School, confirmation classes, bible studies, and adult/youth fellowship groups, until further notice. The ELCA churches of Fergus Falls have joined together to provide worship opportunities on Sunday mornings and mid-week Wednesdays services. All worship services are closed to the public, but will be live-streamed on YouTube and on-air on KJKK AM 1020 or Channel 977 FM97.7 at 9:30am on Sundays and on AM 1250 KBRF at 6:30pm on Wednesdays. The building will be closed to the public until further notice, but the church office will be staffed from 9 a.m.-1 p.m Monday-Thursday as we are able.

We appreciate your on-going support of the ministry of First Lutheran Church. Your gifts may be mailed to the church at 402 South Court Street, or you can visit the website firstlutheranchurchff.org and click donate on the upper right corner and set up your donation plan. Any questions, please call the office 739-3348.

Radio Broadcasts are available for sponsorship in the upcoming weeks. Cost: \$100.00. If you would like to cover a broadcast, please call the office at 739-3348 to check on availability. Your support of this ministry is more important than ever, and is greatly appreciated.

Lifetouch photo sessions for March & May have been cancelled and will be rescheduled. Watch for info.

Meal by Wheels volunteer spots for April 6-10 have been filled!! Thank YOU, Thank YOU!! Jennifer will check with MBW later next week and let drivers know the most current delivery procedures.

Students entering or continuing a nursing program next fall have a scholarship opportunity through the PioneerCare Auxiliary. Applications are now being accepted for the Lillian Saure Nursing Scholarship, with an application deadline of May 15, 2020. Candidates may download the application online at www.pioneercare.org or pick up a paper copy at PioneerCare.

Spring Flowering Plants will be used to decorate the church at Easter. If you would like to purchase a plant, please send a check for \$20 to the office. Those purchasing a plant may take it home after Easter Sunday.

Red Cross Blood Drive at First Lutheran Church on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 from 1 to 7 p.m. There is a need for blood at this time, and extra precautions will be taken due to COVID-19. For appointments, call 1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org enter sponsor code: Fergus First Lutheran.

Breathing Under Water, a Spirituality and Twelve Step Bible Study based on the book by Richard Rohr begins May 4 and continues through August 10. Sign-up in the Narthex, or contact Pastor Gretchen.

VBS Day Camp with Luther Crest "Go Make Disciples" July 6-9 at Hope Lutheran Church from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for ages 4 years old through 6th grade. Sponsored by Augustana, First, Hope and Zion Lutheran Churches. If you would like to contribute toward scholarships to VBS Day Camp you can use a pew envelope and note Luther Crest Day Camp scholarships. Thank you!

VBS Butterflies "Noah's Ark" July 6-9 at First Lutheran Church 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for ages birth through 5 years old. All are welcomed.

Weekly Public Meeting Schedule at First Lutheran*			
Meetings to follow guidelines regarding COVID 19			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
12:00 pm OA 5:00 pm Al Anon 6:15 pm OA 7:00 pm Al Anon for Men	6:00 pm Girl Scouts <i>1st & 3rd Tuesday</i>	9:30 am Al Anon 10:00 am AA 11:00 am Caregiver Support <i>4th Wednesday</i> 1:00 pm Cookie Monster AA	6:00 pm Women's AA 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack <i>304 1st & 3rd Thursday</i>