

Celebration Lutheran Church

April 7, 2019

8 am & 10:30 am



Lent means "spring." As we do some spring cleaning within our discipleship, we focus in on what God's vision of the Kingdom is all about. Throughout Lent we will hear 5 parables of Jesus in which he tells us something about the Kingdom of God. In it, we will hear again and again that weeds and wheat, good and bad, righteous and unrighteous alike are welcome in its realm.

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

**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**

BLESSING AND PRAYER Choir (10:30am only)
After all have communed, the pastor blesses the assembly. There is a prayer for mission into the world.

SENDING

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Opportunities for deepening discipleship are shared.

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG **God Be With You 'till We Meet Again** (insert)

Stow We "stow" God's Word in our heart for the week.
The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents.
Matthew 25:16

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Forgiving the unforgivable. **Thanks be to God.**

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Thank you to Lynne Naylor for this month's **Communion Bread**

Thank you to our Worship Leaders
8am

Altar Care: Stephanie Braford
Lay Assistant: Ken Coryell
Refreshments: Stephanie and Dan Braford

10:30 am
Acolyte: Sofia Barbins
Communion Assistants: Gabriella and Amelia Barbins
Counters: Paul Gochnour
Greeter: Paul Gochnour
Lay Assistant: Dave Saggio
Reader: Monica Saggio
Refreshments: Lori Szafraniec and Deb and Oliva Shelton
Ushers: Richard Johnson and Patty Caruso

GATHERING

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

PRELUDE We enter the worship space quietly, mindful of other worshippers.

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS We confess our sins before God and one another.
Pause for silence and reflection.

Faithful Lord,
You were obedient in every way, even when that obedience led to death. As we walk this penitent season with you, fill us with remorse at all the ways we have fallen short of being faithful, loving servants. Forgive us our shortsightedness, our waste, and our criticism of ourselves and others. We long for your grace and rely on your loving kindness. Amen.

SONG **In the Cross of Christ I Glory** (ELW #324)

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY We greet one another in the name of God and pray to center our hearts.

THE WORD

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, PREACHING AND SONG.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION We remain standing and greet God's word with the gospel acclamation:

Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

LECTIO DIVINA

Matthew 25:14-30

This form of hearing scripture helps us to slow down the reading and hear what God might be saying to us. You will hear the reading three times, with silence between.

After the first reading: listen for a word or phrase that speaks to you and focus on that during the silence.

After the second reading: listen for what God might be asking of you through the reading.

After the third reading: sit quietly with God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(late only)

SERMON

WORD SONG

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life (ELW #719)

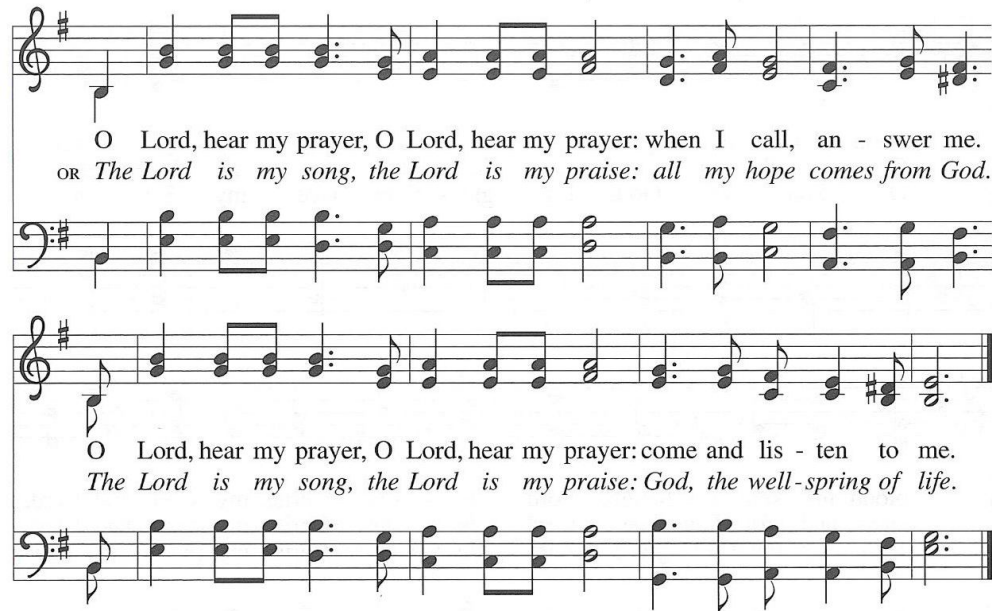
OUR RESPONSE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN ACTION, PRAYER, AND PEACE.

PRAYER UPDATES

PRAYER

We will sing this song through before the prayers begin. When you hear "Send us your grace," at the end of a petition, we sing the second line only.



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.
 OR *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

PEACE & OFFERING

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

You are invited to share a word and/or gesture of Christ's peace with your worshiping neighbor. "Peace be with you," "God's peace," and other words are appropriate. Hand shakes, hugs, and the kiss of peace are also appropriate.

Tithes and offerings are collected during this time to be used for ministry and mission in this place.

THE MEAL

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

All who are seeking Jesus as their Savior and are in need of God's grace and forgiveness are welcome to the Table. We commune by intinction: receive the bread (or gluten free wafer) and when the cup comes to you, dip your bread into the cup.

The worship leader will explain how to come forward for Holy Communion.

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... And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and shout for joy:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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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 has risen.

Christ will come again.

...Grace us with your presence.

Come Holy Spirit.

...Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come Holy Spirit.

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