

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday, March 16, 2024 – 5:30pm

Sunday, March 17, 2024 – 8:00am



## **As We Gather – “Forgiving is Often Difficult”**

From the time that Adam and Eve first fell into sin, God's people have been in conflict - with Him and with one another. Throughout the Bible, God tells us how He reconciled us to Himself through the atoning work of Jesus Christ, His only Son. He further instructs us how to respond to our conflicts with others. We hope and pray that this sermon series and Bible Study "Go and Be Reconciled - What Does This Mean?" will be helpful to you on your faith journey.

**PRELUDE**

5:30, "Just As I Am"  
5:30 & 8:00, "I Love You Lord"

Piano Duet, Sharon Calhoun and Ruth Fry  
Vesper Bells

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**GATHERING HYMN, LSB 571**

**"God Loved the World"**



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

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**INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P** Confident in His steadfast love, we approach our heavenly Father, seeking His forgiveness.

**C** Merciful Father, I confess that I have sinned against You in thought, word, and action. I have done that which You forbid, and I have failed to do that which You command. I have grown timid and afraid when confronted by evil. I have not trusted You completely when

facing challenges bigger than myself. For the sake of the atoning work of Your Son, Jesus Christ, my Savior, forgive me. By Your Holy Spirit, lead me to a faith more confident in Your wisdom, grace, and power. Lord, put my faith to work for the sake of Your kingdom. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## KYRIE

LSB 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING, Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE READING, Colossians 3:12-17

<sup>12</sup>Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against

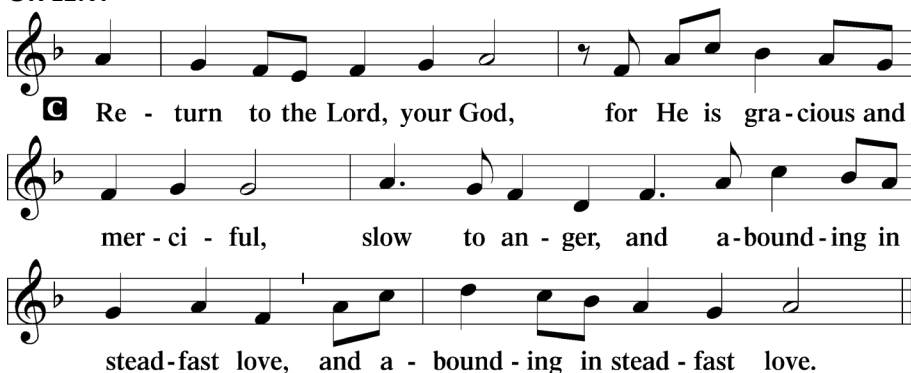
another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### VERSE FOR LENT

LSB 157



**C** 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.

### HOLY GOSPEL, Luke 17:1-6

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! <sup>2</sup>It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. <sup>3</sup>Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, <sup>4</sup>and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him." <sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

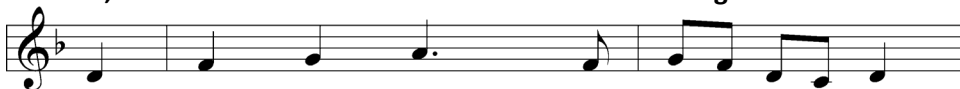
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MYSTERY BOX MESSAGE

Pastor Bob Gehrke

SERMON HYMN, LSB 843

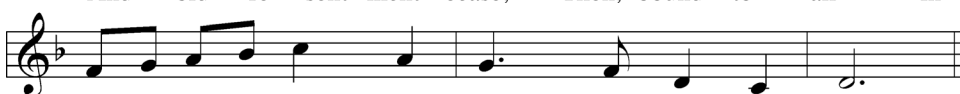
“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”



1 “For - give our sins as we for - give,”  
2 How can Your par - don reach and bless  
3 In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals  
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls



You taught us, Lord, to pray; But You a - lone can  
The un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and  
The truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - ial debts are  
And bid re - sent - ment cease; Then, bound to all in



grant us grace To live the words we say.  
will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
owed to us, How great our debt to You!  
bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

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SERMON

“Forgiving is Often Difficult”

Pastor Bob Gehrke

Luke 17:1-6

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GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*This is a time that we, as a church family return a portion of the financial blessings God has given us. If you are our guests today, please do not feel obligated to participate. We have many ways to give your tithe or offering. You may place your offering in the plate when it is passed, mail it to the church, text to give by texting 84321 with any dollar amount (be sure to select “South Shore”), give online at [sstwbl.org/give](http://sstwbl.org/give), or use the Church Center App from your smartphone (available for both Android and iOS). Disciples of Jesus at SST, please fill out an ivory SST Registration card and place in the offering plate.*

*Guests: If you would like more information regarding South Shore Trinity, please fill out a blue Guest Registration card before and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher before leaving.*

OFFERTORY, “What Wondrous Love”

Vesper Bells

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

## PREFACE

- 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 Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who from His sacrificial death has brought life and immortality to light and won the victory over death and the grave through His resurrection, that our graves may be opened and we, too, be raised at His coming. With Your Spirit within us, we in faith receive what You have prepared for us as we celebrate the feast of victory in Your true body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

*LSB 208*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI

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

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 208

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

- LSB 628 "Your Table I Approach"  
LSB 611 "Chief of Sinners"  
LSB 729 "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"



## GROWING IN THE WORD

**C** First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. – Matthew 5:24

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## SENDING HYMN, LSB 844

## “Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace”



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace  
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide  
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred  
4 Give me Thy cour - age, Lord, to speak  
5 With Thine own love may I be filled



To love all peo - ple, ev - 'ry race;  
Thy chil - dren, Lord, on ev - 'ry side.  
By love - less act and thought - less word.  
When - ev - er strong op - press the weak.  
And by Thy Ho - ly Spir - it willed,



And in each per - son may I see  
My neigh - bor's good let me pur - sue;  
Make me to see the wrong I do  
Should I my - self the vic - tim be,  
That all I touch, wher - e'er I be,



My kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by Thee.  
Let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.  
Will grieve my wound - ed Lord a - new.  
Help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring Thee.  
May be di - vine - ly touched by Thee.

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## POSTLUDE, 5:30, “Rock of Ages”

Piano Duet, Sharon Calhoun and Ruth Fry

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# ***TRINITY TIDINGS***

**March 17, 2024**

**The Flowers at the Altar** today are given to the glory of God by Martha Olson and in loving memory of my husband Arlen and for God's many blessings, especially my children and grandchildren.

**The Memorial Service for Harlan Arndt** will be tomorrow at 11:00am. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

**Easter Festival and Easter Egg Hunt:** Event is Saturday, March 23 at 10:00AM until noon. Activities include indoor Easter egg hunt, indoor mini-golf, bingo, additional games, kids craft corner and refreshments!

**The Book Nook** has available to purchase Easter greeting cards, napkins and other greeting cards for all your needs. Come visit us!

**The Planning Board** will meet tomorrow at 7:00pm.

## **SPECIAL SERVICES for HOLY WEEK**

Saturday/Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday

5:30pm and 8:00 & 10:45am Worship and Communion  
With Apple of His Eye Ministries

Holy Thursday, March 28

Worship with Communion at 11:00am  
Worship with First Communion at 7:00pm

Good Friday, March 29

Memorial Worship at 11:00am  
Tenebrae Worship at 7:00pm

Saturday, March 30, Easter Vigil

Worship with Communion at 5:30pm

Sunday, March 31, The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday

Worship with Communion at 7:00am, 9:00am & 10:45  
Easter Breakfast 8:15-10:30am

## ***SERVING THIS WEEK***

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Bob Gehrke

Associate Pastor, Rev. Dan Bodin

Acolytes: 8:00 TBD | 10:45 TBD

Anna Altar: Muriel Janneke and Ann Janneke

Coffee: Glenn and Terry Borkenhagen

Counters: Annette Chamberlin & Muriel Janneke

Readers: 8:00 Ruby Moskop | 10:45 Ed Gerlach

Organist/Pianist: Sharon Calhoun

Live Stream Tech: 8:00 & 10:45 Chris Hesselbach

AV Tech: 5:30 Ken Kirchhoff | 8:00 Dan Wille | 10:45 Carol Gerlach

Ushers: 5:30 Tyler and Amanda Pojanowski | 8:00 Rick Carlson & Dennis Lorenzen | 10:45 Ed Gerlach

# Happy Easter



## ***CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK***

*(Please include the follow people in your prayers)*

**Those celebrating a birthday:** 3/17 – Patrick Casey, Samuel Halbe, Kathy Lystig, Craig Wheatley, Emma Svoboda, Nancy Nelson, 3/19 – Ella Svoboda, 3/20 – Lois Arndt, Danna Anderson, 3/21 – Peggy Dewitz, William Niebergall, 3/22 – Donald Womeldorff

**Those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries:** 3/17 – Cameron Berg, Dani Reed, 3/18 – Aiden Ryan, 3/19 – Stephanie Boleen, Tim Lundgren, 3/20 – Danna Anderson, 3/21 – Tyler Pojanowski, 3/22 – Lindsey Carlson

**Those celebrating a wedding anniversary:** 3/22 – Nate and Rita Groneberg

# ***ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK***

## **Monday, March 18**

8:00-12pm	AARP Senior Tax Aid [2 <sup>nd</sup> floor]
10:00am	Harlan Arndt Visitation
11:00am	Harlan Arndt Memorial Service
6:00pm	Music Committee
6:30-8:00pm	Scouts
7:00pm	Planning Board [F8 and Zoom]

## **Tuesday, March 19**

8:00-12pm	AARP Senior Tax Aid [2 <sup>nd</sup> floor]
1:15pm	Staff Meeting [F8]
6:30-8:30pm	Women's AA [upstairs]

## **Wednesday, March 20**

9:30am	Young-at-Heart Bible Study [F8]
9:30am	Women's Bible Study [B9]
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
11:30am	Lenten Luncheon/Benefiting Griefshare
11:30am	Piano Duets [S]
5:45pm	Fellowship Meal
<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
7:00-8:00pm	Forge (6-12 <sup>th</sup> ) Confirmation
7:00pm	Chancel Choir [2-12]

## **Thursday, March 21**

8:00-12pm	AARP Senior Tax Aid [2 <sup>nd</sup> floor]
8:30am	Men's Bible Study [F8]
9:30-11:30am	Women's Bible Study [F8] and [B9]
1:00pm	Dorcas Quilters [B22]
1:30pm	Worship at Cerenity with Pastor Gehrke
6:00pm	Vesper Bells [S, F8]
7:00pm	Adult Bible Study [F8]

## **Saturday, March 23**

<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Easter Festival and Egg Hunt [K, B22]</b>
10:00-Noon	Grief Share [F8]
11:00-Noon	AI-Anon [2-5]
<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Interactive Session: "From Lip Service to Heart Service" with Steve Cohen.</b>
5:30pm	Worship with Communion

# PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Please use this Prayer Guide in the coming week to pray for the following people and situations.  
Those who are listed in italics are friends and family of SST disciples.

**For those recovering from surgery:** Jennifer Jewell, Tim Lundgren, Merlin Holman, *Dee Dee Hudak*

**For those in hospice:** Rick Carlson, Pastor Norb Streufert

**For those the family and friends who mourn:**

- Harlan Arndt who passed away on February 11. Service will be on March 18 at 11:00. Visitation one hour prior to the service
- Evelyn Kleppe who passed away on March 7. She was a disciple at SST.
- *Jim Denny* who passed away on March 10 (Peggy Strutt's brother-in-law)

**God's healing:** Eileen Spreeman, Danna Anderson, Herb Frederick, Margaret Ribble, Elizabeth Iverson, Marian Meier, Tim Lundgren, Lin Carlson, Elaine Frahm, Betty Frohrib, Celeste Gifford, Jolene Patricelli, *Connie Barbeau, Ruby Moskop, Warren, Everett, Gloria (Emmie Boleen's relatives)*

**Those with on-going health issues:** *Verna Benson*, Jim and Meredith Reinholdt

**God's comfort, peace and healing for those with cancer:** Jack Frahm, Jill Larson, Patti Molkenbur, Bill Niebergall, Rick and Lin Carlson, *SST's Letter Carrier, Bruce Semling, Jo Biebighauser*

**Protection of our Armed Forces and their families:** *Peter Gifford, Megan Lisowy, Aaron Meissen, Brodey Perron, Scott Polack, Andrew Reed, Jim Schumann, Dalton Wenzel, Dylan Wenzel, Wyatt Kassa*

**For SST Missions and missionaries:** *Rev. Dr. Fung and Kalia* missionary family to SE Asia in Thailand | *Pastor Stephen Heimer and Vicar Alex Escarciga* at *Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso, Texas* | SST Preschool, reaching our community | MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers)

**Federal, State and local government** and all those in positions of authority