

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 18, 2018**



♪ Hymns ♪

Gathering Song	#235	<i>All to Jesus I Surrender</i>
Hymn of the Day	#176	<i>Some Glad Morning When This Life Is O'er</i>
Distribution Music 1	#234	<i>Lord, I Want to Be a Christian</i>
Distribution Music 2	#77	<i>On a Hill Far Away</i>
Sending Song	#259	<i>All the Way My Savior Leads Me</i>

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- ☐ 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 31:31-34**

*The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.*

**Psalm 51:1-12**      (*Read Responsively*)

- <sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- <sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- <sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- <sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**
- <sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- <sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**
- <sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.
- <sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**
- <sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my wickedness.
- <sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**
- <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10**

*Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.*

**Gospel: John 12:20-33**

*Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.*

## Parish News

### ☞ Lent

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 light and truth into our hearts. We see God’s heart most clearly in the way Jesus shares human suffering, in an agony both the John and Hebrews readings describe.

### ☞ LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

*The servant of the LORD submits to suffering*

**Psalm 31:9-16**

*Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)*

**Philippians 2:5-11**

*Humbled to the point of death on a cross*

**Mark 14:1--15:47**

*The passion of the Lord*

### OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### SUNDAY, March 18

Sunday School	9:25AM
Fellowship	10:15 AM
Holy Communion	10:45 AM
Choir Practice	12:00 PM

#### THURSDAY, March 22

Midweek Bible Study	10:00 AM
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#### SATURDAY, March 24

*3 Churches Clean Up Day* 8:00-11:00 AM

#### TUESDAY, March 20

Shawl Ministry	6:30 PM
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#### SUNDAY, March 25 Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Sunday School	9:25 AM
Fellowship	10:15 AM
Holy Communion	10:45 AM
Choir Practice	12:00 PM

#### WEDNESDAY, March 21

Soup & Sandwich Supper	5:30 PM
Midweek Lenten Service	6:15 PM



**Wednesday  
March 21<sup>st</sup>**

<b>Soup &amp; Sandwich Meal</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
<b>Lenten Worship</b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>

A Lenten Vigil Journey

*Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday*



**Join us next Sunday,  
March 25<sup>th</sup>**

# Lord, In Your Mercy, Hear Our Prayers

## *For Those Ill or Recuperating*

Mary Frances Arnold   Steve Barnett   Nancy Buchan   Dick Clark  
Emily Ditzler   Ken Huebner   Rosemarie Huebner   Mary Nettles  
Buddy Pedersen   Dorothy Stevens   Dorothy Vanco   Bryan Welsh   Elisabeth Wills

## *For Those in Ministry in Christ's Church*

CTK Council

## *The Congregation of Christ the King*

The Baptized   Ministers of the Church   The Rev. Mark Buchan   Pastor  
The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton   Bishop, ELCA   Ashleigh Taylor   Office Administrator  
The Rev. Dr. Herman Yoos   Bishop, SC Synod   Jane Lim   Parish Musician

## *Congregational Officers*

Stefanie Seebauer   President   *Vacant*   Secretary  
Pamela Williams   Vice President   Pat Holscher   Treasurer

## *Leading Worship Today*

The Rev. Mark Buchan   Preacher   Debra Butler   Ushers  
Jane Lim   Parish Musician   Skip Freie  
Ken Huebner   Lector   Susan Bennett   Tellers  
Mary Nettles   Crucifer   Stefanie Seebauer  
Athena Christensen   Comm. Assistant   Bill Wannamaker  
Athena Christensen   Altar Guild

## *Leading Worship Next Sunday*

The Rev. Mark Buchan   Preacher   Susan Bennett   Ushers  
Jane Lim   Parish Musician   Barry Kemp  
Stefanie Seebauer   Lector   Susan Bennett   Tellers  
Andy Seebauer   Crucifer   Stefanie Seebauer  
Stefanie Seebauer   Comm. Assistant   Bill Wannamaker  
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**On Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 11am, Church of the Cross is heading up a 3 Churches Work Day when we will clean up the roadsides along Patterson and Trinity Roads. We will be provided with gloves, bags and safety vests. Please talk to Pastor Mark if you are interested in joining us.**