

*"And, when I am
lifted up from the
earth, will draw all
{people} to Myself."
John 12:32*

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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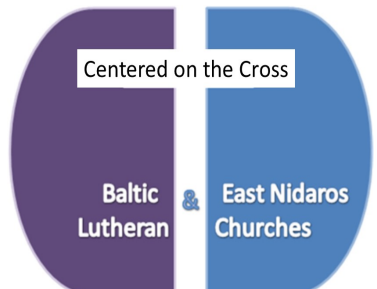
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Worship Plan for Sunday, March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

LBW Setting Two without Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 77)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

OPENING HYMN *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* (WOV 660)

GREETING (LBW p. 78)

KYRIE (LBW p. 78)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 82)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. . . .

Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says 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. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.
L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-13

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.**

⁵And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment.

⁶**Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother’s womb.**

⁷For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

⁸**Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

⁹Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.

¹⁰**Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

¹¹Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

¹²**Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

¹³Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 5:5-10

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SING JESUS LOVES ME & CHILDREN'S SERMON

LENTEN VERSE (LBW p. 83)

GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON “This Reason”

HYMN OF THE DAY *Drawn to the Light (Insert in bulletin)*

APOSTLE’S CREED (LBW p. 85)

THE PRAYERS

LORD’S PRAYER

SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING (LBW p. 96)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

BLESSING (LBW p. 97)

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.

Three Fold Amen (Sung)

SENDING HYMN Be Thou My Vision WOV 776

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve your neighbor.

Yes we will. Thanks be to God.

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FRIENDS & FAMILY OF OUR MEMBERS

Dennis Riswold—Friend of the Community

Jay Vogt— Friend of the Community

Keith Fawcett—Kyla Fawcett's (Nesheim) father-in-law

Anita (Ana) Reategui—Friend of Jeff and Joan Boldt

Mattias Warne—Friend of the Community

Becky Berg—Sister-in-law of Dick Berg

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Marie Pazour— Mother of Karen Doom

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Darrel Bonrud— Friend of the Community

Mark Van Asselt— Friend of the Community

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Pauline Svihovec— Mother of Terry Snow

MARCH NOISY CAN

Baltic: Vacation Bible School
East: Baltic Community Garden

LENTEN OFFERING

Baltic: Vacation Bible School
East: Baltic Food Bank

EASTER OFFERING

Baltic: Vacation Bible School
East: Vacation Bible School

Our Response to God's Love

Baltic: Mar 10: Attendance 60; General Fund \$1511.00 Noisy Can \$38.80 Easter Season Offering \$378.00

East: Mar 10: Attendance 30; General Fund \$537.00 Noisy Can \$40.71 Lent Offering \$103.00 Building Fund \$424.00

2024 Lenten Worship Schedule

“The Lord is My Shepherd”

Wed Mar 20	5:30pm Meal—BBQ's, beans, chips & dip 6:30 pm Lenten Service @ Baltic with Pastor Laura Philips
Thu Mar 28	6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service @ East
Fri Mar 29	6:30 pm Good Friday Service @ Baltic
Sun Mar 31	7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service @ East 9:00 am Easter Sunrise Service @ Baltic

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Baltic	9am Worship
	10:30 Worship and Livestreamed on Facebook
East Nidaros	@ EastNidarosLutheranChurch

Things Happening Week of March 17th

Sun Mar 17	4pm 1st Communion class at East Nidaros
Mon Mar 18	6:30pm Bible Study in Baltic
Tue Mar 19	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Wed Mar 20	Lenten Service @ Baltic 5:30 meal, 6:30pm service
Sat Mar 23	10:30-11:30 Food Bank Open
Sun Mar 24	1st Communion

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Baltic	9:00 Worship and Live streamed on Facebook @ BalticLutheranChurch
East Nidaros	10:30 Worship

Fellowship Coffee and Treats

BALTIC:

Mar 17 Pat Brende
& 24 Lindsey & Erik Comes

EAST:

Mar 17 Rob & Katie Siemonsma
& 24 Sara & Scott Grunewaldt

BALTIC:

Apr 7 Sue Aldrich
& 14 Todd & Tammy Park

EAST:

Mar 31 Alyssa Franz
& Apr 7 Louie & Karen Doom

Baltic WELCA will hold a meeting on Sunday, March 17 following worship service. Your attendance is appreciated.