



First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021 | 11 am



St. John's Lutheran Church | Salisbury, NC



Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us as the people of God

Prelude

Prayers of Confession

We make the sign of the cross as a reminder of our baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Eternal and Almighty God,

**Open unto me, light for my darkness
Open unto me, courage for my fear
Open unto me, hope for my despair
Open unto me, peace for my turmoil
Open unto me, joy for my sorrow
Open unto me, strength for my weakness
Open unto me, wisdom for my confusion
Open unto me, forgiveness for my sins
Open unto me, tenderness for my toughness
Open unto me, love for my hates
Open unto me, Thy Self for myself
Lord, Lord, open unto me!**

*Howard Thurman, from "Meditations of the Heart" Thurman who was born in 1899 and raised in the segregated South. He is recognized as one of the great spiritual leaders of the 20th century renowned for his reflections on humanity and our relationship with God. Thurman was a prolific author (writing at least 20 books); perhaps the most famous is *Jesus and the Disinherited* (1949), which deeply influenced Martin Luther King, Jr. and other leaders of the Civil Rights Movement. Thurman was the first black person to be a tenured Dean at a PWI (Boston U). He also cofounded the first interracial pastored, intercultural church in the US.*

God's Promise of Forgiveness

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with his light, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Hymn 870

We Praise You, O God
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KREMSER

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.**

Let us pray.

Martin Luther's Morning Prayer

We thank you, our Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept us this night from all harm and danger. As we enter into worship, we pray that You would keep us this day also from sin and every evil, that all our doings and lives may please You. For into Your hands we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with us, that the evil foe may have no power over us. **Amen.**



Word

We hear God's word in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Reading: Psalm 25:1-10

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

³Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all day long.

⁶Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,

for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

⁸Good and upright is the LORD;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹He leads the humble in what is right,

and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Word of God. Word of Life! **Thanks be to God!**

Response

Here I am to Worship
Carter Woolly and Rosemary C. Kinard, Soloists; Bradley Chestnut, Guitar

Written by Tim Hughes

Please join on the refrain

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see
beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

(Refrain)

*Here I am to worship.
Here I am to bow down.
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days Oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
all for love's sake became poor. **(Refrain)**

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11***The temptation of Jesus***

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Pastor Laura Henrik

Hymn 807

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
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NETTLETON

Apostle's Creed. Gathered as God's people across time and space, let us confess our faith using the words of the 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. *Each petition ends: Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*



Meal

During the 40-day season of Lent, our worship space and liturgy reflect a more subdued, penitential form. The fullness of liturgy and celebration return on Easter morning.

Preparation of the Lord's Table; Create In Me

From Psalm 51

Adapted by Harold W. Gilbert

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The 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.

Distribution of Holy Communion. *You will be invited forward one row at a time. Please take an empty glass, into which the wine will be poured. Grape juice is available in pre-filled cups. All bread in our communion celebration is gluten-free. Welcome to the Lord's Table!*

Communion Hymns 154

Lamb of God

The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. A purple bracket is placed under the notes for the word 'grant' in the fourth staff.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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Eat This Bread (See Page 11)

Piano Meditation

Rosemary Kinard

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Lord, Be Glorified (See page 11)

Please stand

Blessing and Prayer



Sending

Forgiven and nourished, we are now sent into the world to share God's love.

Benediction

Sending Hymn 618

Guide Me, Ever Great Redeemer

CWM RHONDDA

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Please be seated. During the postlude, ushers will dismiss one row at a time so that good social distancing can be maintained. Thank you for joining us in worship this morning.

Postlude

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Worship Participants

SONG LEADERS: Marvie and Larry Cartner, Diane Goodnight, Bonnie and David Hord, Rosemary C. Kinard, Corinne Mauldin, Randy Overcash, Karen and Dennis Rogers, Carter Woolly

READER: Brenda Munday

SOUND: Mike Agee

VIDEO: Taylor Hutchins

Join Us In Prayer For The Following:

CONDOLENCES — Henry Trexler, Rebecca Hooks and family, on the passing of Judy Trexler on Thursday, Feb. 11. Her funeral was held on Friday, Feb. 19.

Joan Harris and family, on the passing of Charlie Harris on Thursday, Feb. 18. His funeral was held on Saturday, Feb. 20.

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS — Montye Furr, Joyce Roof, Rachel Safrit, Fran Lawson, Randy Overcash, Pat Nelson, Tom and Nancy Austin, Marge Fuertinger, Jane Britt, Roger Alexander, David Wilson, Phyllis Edwards, Robin Cohen, Paula Kafitz, Richard (Dick) Petherick, Benny Banks, Karen Shelton, Lee Wagoner, Gerald Jones, Betty Denker, John Myers, Jane Shuping, Barbara Rufty, Walter Tatum, Jim Rabon, Matt Stahl, Nancy Parrish, Thomas Livesay, Gene Myers, Kent Brown

HOMEBOUND — Anita Foreman, Peggy Taylor, Lois and Paul Carter, Alda Smith, Margaret Ketner, Sonny Allen, Dottie Bedford, Hal Furr, Fran Hoke, Sherry Morgan, Ermine Peeler, Shirley Smith, Peggy Smith

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9:27 Worship Leader.....Bradley Chestnut
Production Manager.....Taylor Hutchins
Director of Music Emeritus.....Karl Kinard, deacon

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We Praise You, O God

1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882-1963

Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

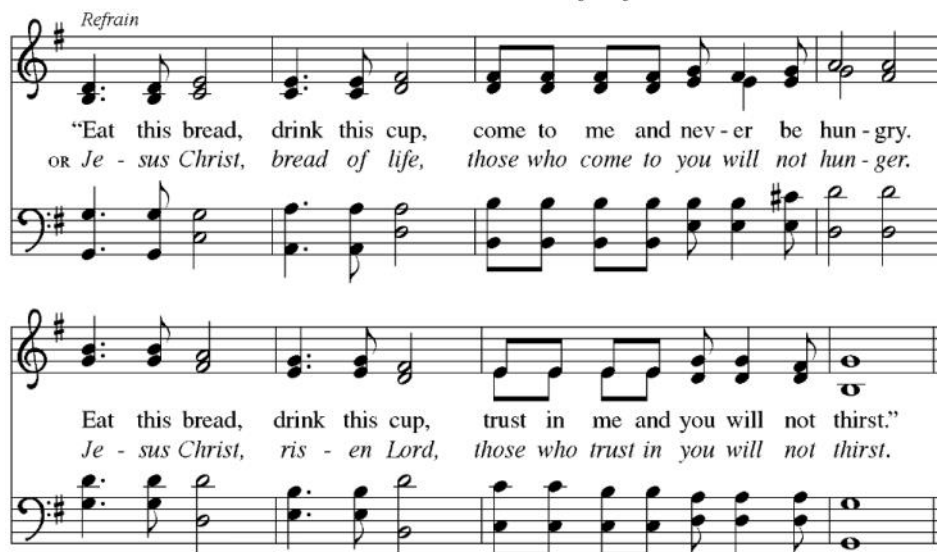
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Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

Eat This Bread

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

Refrain



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

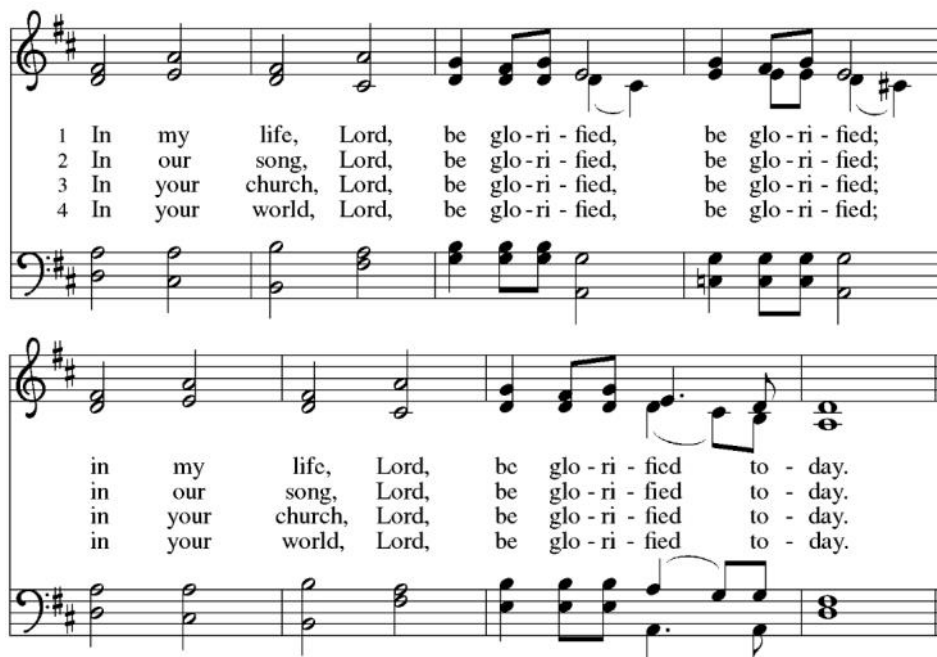
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Lord, Be Glorified



1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
4 In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;

in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

Text: Bob Kilpatrick, b. 1952

Music: BE GLORIFIED, Bob Kilpatrick

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Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

Let's connect faith and life. *Together.*