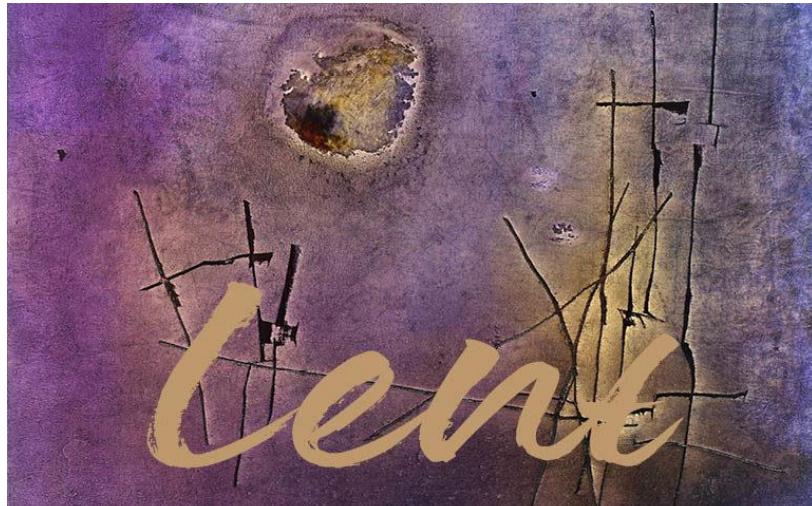


The Beloved Community

A welcoming community of joy, worship, and compassion
bringing God's love to the world.



The Second Sunday in Lent

28 February, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Intercession Episcopal & Redeemer Lutheran

900 Brilowski Road, Stevens Point WI

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Welcome to the Beloved Community!

We are so glad to have you here with us.

We are a community of faith who are grounded in the ELCA Lutheran and Episcopal traditions and who are centered in Jesus. We believe we are called to LOVE (working toward the good for another) because God so loves us and all of Creation. No exceptions. No outsiders.

We are a mixed bag of pilgrims, so here at the BC, you will have a vibrant experience. Some folks like to be more formal; some folks like to be less formal. Some folks like contemporary band music; some folks like hymns. Because we deeply believe in hospitality, our worship services strive to include the spectrum of who we are as God's people based on the gifts present within our community.

We recognize that people use different ways to express their faith and their beliefs, so we don't expect everyone to pray exactly the same way. However, we are also a people grounded in the words and ways of the first apostles (**apostolic**); this means some of our prayers have been lifted by voices for thousands of years by a myriad of pilgrims.

It is this sense of **catholic** (meaning the church worldwide and throughout time) that connects us to the past as well as to the future. This also provides a sense of unity and oneness as we listen and respond to the Living Word to shape how we see and listen and respond to the world and our neighbors in the present time. And all this because we are **holy**, which means we are called and inspired by the divine (as all people are) to live into the way of LOVE.

This is who we are, who we are becoming, and who we are practicing to be. We won't always get it absolutely right, but we will keep on trying and leaning in. We would love to have you join us!



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Prelude/Centering Songs

Lenten Opening

What have you lost? What keeps you up at night? What do you miss?

Video Mourning by Morning

GATHERING

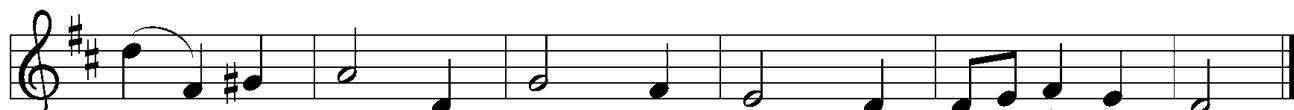
Gathering Song God Loved the World



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 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.

Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, [☩]one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Jesus said, “The first in importance is, ‘Listen, Israel: The Lord your God is one; so love the Lord God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence

and energy.' And here is the second: 'Love others as well as you love yourself.' There is no other commandment that ranks with these."

Mark 12: 20-31

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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 have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

Children's Message

The First Reading *Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: *Psalm 22:22-30*

May all who fear you, O God, give praise; *
may the offspring of Israel stand in awe,
and all of Jacob's line give glory.

**For you do not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty,
neither do you hide your face from them, ***
but when they cry to you, you hear them.

My praise is of you in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship you.

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek you shall praise you: ***
“May your heart live for ever!”

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before you.

For yours is the royal power, O God; *
you rule over the nations.

To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before you.

**My soul shall live for you;
my descendants shall serve you; ***
they shall be known as yours for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that you have done.

The Gospel Mark 18:31-38

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Reading of the Gospel

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Reflection

Song of the Day Community of Christ



1. Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ. who make the cross your
2. Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the Church - 's
3. Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must
4. When men - ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be

own, door sound— live and cry the out see the out for cli-mate your ref-u-gee, risk the hun-gry, God and the world its
 -done, the jus-tice of the world be peace and Christ whole the world its

-alone: The God who wears your face, to _____ Whom all worlds be -
 poor. Take hands with the op-pressed, the _____ job - less in your
 round: Dis-arm the powers that war and _____ all _____ that can de -
 Sun; Our cur-ren-cy be love and _____ kind - li - ness our

-long, whose chil-dren are of
 street, take tow-el wa-ter,
 -stroy, turn bombs bread,
 law, our food faith and be

ev - 'ry _____ race and _____ ev - 'ry song.
 that you _____ wash your _____ neigh bor's feet.
 tears of _____ an - guish _____ in to joy.
 shared as _____ one for _____ ev - er more.

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PRAYER

An Affirmation of Belief

Let us now join our voices in common belief:

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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Prayers of the People

The Peace

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Communion with Art *Death into Life*

The Lord's Prayer *God Our Father*



1.God our Fa-ther, King of hea-ven, let your King dom_ come.
2.E - v'ry-thing we need you've gi - ven; bread for e - v'ry_ day.
3.Lead us not in - to temp-ta - tion, help us walk your_ ways.



On the earth as in your hea-ven, let your will be_ done.
In your mer - cy we're for - gi - ven, may we show your grace.
Lord, de - li - ver us from e - vil, hear us as we_ pray:



[2. 3.] [1.]



For the king dom, and the po - wer_ and the glo - ry_ are yours,



[1.] [2.]

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Closing Prayer *Beloved is Where We Begin*

If you would enter into the wilderness,
do not begin without a blessing.
Do not leave without hearing who you are:
Beloved, named by the One
who has traveled this path before you.
Do not go without letting it echo in your ears,
and if you find it is hard to let it into your heart,
do not despair. That is what this journey is for.
I cannot promise this blessing will free you from danger,
from fear, from hunger or thirst,
from the scorching of sun or the fall of the night.
But I can tell you that on this path there will be help.
I can tell you that on this way there will be rest.
I can tell you that you will know the strange graces
that come to our aid only on a road such as this,
that fly to meet us bearing comfort and strength,
that come alongside us for no other cause than to
lean themselves toward our ear and with their
curious insistence whisper our name:

Beloved.

Beloved.

Beloved.

Jan Richardson

from Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons

Lenten Closing

Video *Birthing a New Way*

from The Work of the People

Blessing

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless
you [☩] that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving
Trinity. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sending Song *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff. The first staff includes three numbered lines: 1. I want Je - sus to walk with me; 2. In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; 3. When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;. The second staff continues with I want Je - sus to walk with me; in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;. The third staff begins with all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney, when my heart is al - most break - ing, when my head is bowed in sor - row,. The fourth staff concludes with three lines: Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

Announcements / Fellowship

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