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5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

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As We Gather

With the promise of mercy comes the warning of judgment. That is the message we have heard throughout this season of Lent. In the parable Jesus spoke, the mercy of God is lavish and entirely too generous to be reasonable. God is relentless in His pursuit of us, but those who reject His mercy are condemned to stand alone before the judgment seat. The promise and a warning go together and will always go together until the saving work of God is complete and we live in His presence on high forevermore.

Prelude

“The Lord, My God, Be Praised”

G. Kaufmann

Opening Hymn

“The Lord, My God, Be Praised”

#794

1 The Lord, my God, be praised,
My light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me
Has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield
And keep me day by day
And make each moment yield
New blessings on my way.

2 The Lord, my God, be praised,
My trust, my life from heaven,
The Father’s own dear Son,
Whose life for me was given,
Who for my sin atoned
With His most precious blood
And gives to me by faith
The highest heav’nly good.

3 The Lord, my God, be praised,
My hope, my life from heaven,
The Spirit, whom the Son
In love to me has given.
His grace revives my heart
And gives my spirit pow’r,
Help, comfort, and support
In sorrow’s gloomy hour.

△ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised,
My God, the ever-living,
To whom the heav’nly host
Their laud and praise are giving.
The Lord, my God, be praised,
In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son,
And God the Holy Ghost.

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1845–1923, alt.*

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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

Psalm 3:4, 8

P Salvation belongs to the LORD;

C Your blessing be upon Your people!

P I cried aloud to the LORD,

C and He answered me from His holy hill.

We pause in silence to remember our sins before Almighty God...

P Deliver us, O Lord, from all our sin, and restore us by Your promise.

C We confess to You, O Lord, that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by the evils we have done and by the good we have not done. We have rejected Your Word as You have

called us to repentance and have refused Your mercy. Deliver us from our hardness of heart. Forgive us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Restore us by Your grace, that we may walk according to Your Word and love and serve You with all our heart. 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. To the impenitent and unbelieving I declare that so long as you continue in your impenitence, God will not forgive your sins and will visit your iniquity upon you until you turn from your sinful ways, come to repentance, and trust in the merits of Jesus Christ alone.

C Amen.

P May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 3:3–6; antiphon: v. 8

P Salvation belongs to the LORD; your blessing be on your people!

C But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.

P I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill.

C I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.

P I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Salvation belongs to the LORD; your blessing be on your people!

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Let us pray. O almighty God, Your authority is over all, but in Your mercy You have shown kindness to us sinners and forgiven us for the sake of Your Son. Grant that we may know Your grace and respond with thankful, joy-filled hearts before the day when Your mercy will cease and the day of judgment has come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

C Amen.

Scripture Reading Overview

This is the last Sunday before we enter Holy Week. On this day, we hear the warning of the Lord against those who refuse His mercy, as well as the promise that those who trust in Him will never be forsaken. Isaiah relays God's promise of a new thing, that the people He has formed to be His own might declare His praise forever. In his letter to the Philippians, Paul urges us to press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. In the Gospel, our Lord shares another parable, in which He warns that the same cornerstone that holds up the house of God's mercy will become the stone that crushes those who reject it.

Old Testament Reading

✠ Israel's Only Savior ✠

Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.**Anthem of Praise Duet**

“Lamb of God”

T. Paris

Epistle

✠ Righteousness Through Faith in Christ ✠

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.**Holy Gospel**

✠ The Parable of the Wicked Tenants ✠

*Luke 20:9-20***P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the

cornerstone'? ¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." ¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Confession of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.**

The Apostles' Creed

**He ascended into heaven and sits at the
right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Sermon Hymn

"God Loved the World So That He Gave"

#571 sts. 1-4 & 6

- 1 God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.

- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good.

- △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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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering—*may be left in the offering plates near the doors as you leave. Those worshipping at home may continue to mail or drop off offerings at the church office, and on-line giving is available to everyone on our website at www.stpauloaklawn.org. For information about regular electronic giving, please contact the church office.*

Offertory Meditation

✠ SERVICE of the SACRAMENT ✠

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
P We here remember the promise given in Eden and fulfilled in Jesus Christ...
C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

- C** Our Father, who art in Heaven...

Pax Domini

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

✠ DISTRIBUTION of the SACRAMENT ✠

Hymn

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

#623

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| 1 | Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray
That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine
Enrich us with Your grace divine. | All that You are we here receive,
And all we are to You we give. |
| 2 | Give us, who share this wondrous food,
Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,
The certain joys of heirs of heav'n. | 4 One bread, one cup, one body, we,
Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come
To bring Your scattered loved ones home. |
| 3 | By faith Your Word has made us bold
To seize the gift of love retold; | 5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:
O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest
In heaven's high and holy feast. |

Text: Henry E. Jacobs, 1844–1932, alt.

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Hymn

“I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”

#729 sts. 1-4 & 6

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| 1 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free. | Trusting Thee to make me holy
By Thy blood. |
| 2 I am trusting Thee for pardon;
At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy
Trusting now. | 4 I am trusting Thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev’ry day and hour supplying
All my need. |
| 3 I am trusting Thee for cleansing
In the crimson flood; | 6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all. |

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79

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Communion Blessing

- P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

Closing Prayer

- P** Let us pray. O Lord our God, Your authority and power are great but their greatness is known chiefly by the mercy You have shown to those who deserve nothing of Your kindness. Give us humble hearts to acknowledge Your goodness and to delight in Your mercy that You have so richly shown by the gift of Your Son to be our Savior, and our communion this day upon His body and blood; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C** Amen.

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.

Dismissal

- P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

- C** Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

“On What Has Now Been Sown”

#921

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| 1 On what has now been sown
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow’r is Thine alone
To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,
And Thou alone shalt have the praise! | 2 To Thee our wants are known,
From Thee are all our pow’rs;
Accept what is Thine own
And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,
And to Thy Word a blessing give. |
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3 O grant that each of us,
Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus
When Thou and Thine appear

And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

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Postlude

“On What Has Now Been Sown”

A. Beck



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Announcements & Notes:

- **Easter flower orders** are due **tomorrow!** – Yellow order forms are in the narthex and wings.
- **Our final midweek Lenten supper and service is this Wednesday, April 6th.** The Elders will serve Grassano's Pizza, salad, and desserts from 5:30 – 6:30.
- **The April Newsletter** is available in the narthex and wings.
- **The Adult Choir** – will rehearse for Good Friday and Easter Sunday Wednesday, **Apr. 6th at 8pm** after the Lenten service, and the following Wednesday, **Apr. 13th at 7pm**, and they would like **YOU** to join them!
- **Scholarships** are available from St. Paul for members studying for the Lutheran pastoral or teaching ministry. Apply now. Application forms are available in the church office. **Deadline is April. 15th;**
- **Zone 12 & 13 LWML Rally** is Sat., April 23rd from 9-11am at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Brookfield. Flyers are on the table in the narthex.
- **Our Maundy Thursday services** at either 11am or 7pm will again be a special presentation by members of our congregation. Please invite family and friends for this or any of our services.



Luther South Classmates and anyone who is interested in owning a piece of Luther South History!!

The web site is up and running!!



www.lhssmemories.org

The Luther South Artifact Committee was fortunate enough to secure just over 1,000 bricks from Luther High School. Most of these bricks are from the Science wing.

We feel that alumni may wish to purchase a brick for a reminder of where they spent their formative years of their lives. The Luther South Artifact Committee was also fortunate enough to secure the Cross, the two cornerstones and the Luther South letters from the school. The funds we raise from selling these bricks will go toward a permanent memorial of the cross, the letters and cornerstones at Bethania Cemetery. **The cost of a brick is \$10 plus shipping.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Anne Dietrich at:

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Thank You!

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Please pray for these members of our St. Paul family:

Lenore Curran	Patrick Buckley
Betty Kruckow	Cathy Gleason
Dawn McNicholas	Janet Varnagis
Janice Przybycien	Kevin Hickey
Mary Ann Colander	Art Hornburg
Melva Smith	Lois Kaminske
Carol Small	Mike Degidio
Norma Silinski	Beverly Sellers
Delphine Cherry	Ron Klingensmith
Louis Frank	Deb Skopec
Herta Iversen	Loretta Frank
Jane & Freddie Giacobbe	Marge Rochlitz
Ron Hickey	Julie & Larry Gurga
Ingrid Lesko	Katherine Hice
Gloria Meyer	Jan Briede
Delores Stegemann	Connie Braun
Kurt Seehofer	The Polezoes Family
Lincoln & Parker Alex	Patricia Murdoch
Gloria Crook	

Special prayers for:

- *For Laverne Abraham, Warren Miller, Betty Beegle, Simeon Hoppe, & Sandy Plath.*

We pray for those who grieve:

- *For Ardel Loughran on the death of her sister, Dolores Arnold, called from this life on Mar. 29th. Visitation at Chapel Hill Gardens South in Oak Lawn from 10:30 – 3:00 Tuesday, April 5; funeral service at 3:00.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- *For Lorraine Moses as she celebrates her 95th birthday yesterday, April 2.*

Please let the church office know when your need for our congregational prayers is over (708) 423-1040.

Please pray for these friends and family of our members:

Andrew Mrochen	Vern Howe
Eugene Marcinkowski	Roberta & Carlos Owens
Denise DeLaurentis	Dorothy Kroll
Eric Kessler	arb & Emily Feehan
Bob Hessert	Georgiana Easton
Jackie Plichta	Patricia Paulsen
Ken Kruckow	Janet Trierweiler
Alan Hecke	Kim Lamberth
Matt Favero	Sandra Wilson
Michelle Mitchell	Al Silinski
Pam Palhegyi	Carol Milazzo
Rich Huscher	The Lamberth Family
Jerry Gross	Brenda Gurgel
Gloria Folsom	Autumn Kessler
Shirley Fairchild	Simeon Hoppe
Ron Lunt	Christopher Kosary
Sandy Plath	Iris McCoy
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Pam Brown	Lisa Sanders
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Barb Potter	Wayne Volk
Charley Heitz	Sharon Bryant
Doris Potts	Brad Benfield
Doreen Holford	Janice Hernandez
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Maryann Krieg (Wilke)	Katherine Zeleny
Jimmy Kennedy, Jr.	Knox Christensen
Cathy Becker	Ken Matz
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