

Fifth Sunday in Lent  
SERVICE OF THE WORD  
GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prayer and Meditation

Introduction to the Service

Gathering Hymn, "God Is Here!" ELW #526

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All:

1. **God is here!**  
**As we your people meet**  
**to offer praise and prayer,**  
**may we find in fuller measure**  
**what it is in Christ we share.**  
**Here, as in the world around us,**  
**all our varied skills and arts**  
**wait the coming of the Spirit**  
**into open minds and hearts.**

Cantor:

2. Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.

All:

3. **Here our children find a welcome**  
**in the Shepherd's flock and fold;**  
**here as bread and wine are taken,**  
**Christ sustains us as of old.**  
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Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
the keeper of the covenant,  
the source of steadfast love,  
our rock and our redeemer.

**Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Fountain of living water,  
**pour out your mercy over us.**  
**Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.**  
**Rebuild what we have ruined**  
**and mend what we have torn.**  
**Wash us in your cleansing flood.**  
**Make us alive in the Spirit**  
**to follow in the way of Jesus,**  
**as healers and restorers of the world you so love.**  
**Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails.  
The promise rests on grace:  
by the saving love of Jesus Christ,  
the wisdom and power of God,  
your sins are ✝ forgiven, and God remembers them no more.  
Journey in the way of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

### **Greeting**

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.**

### **Kyrie**

Cantor:  
Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word:  
it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole  
that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving pow'r;  
create in us new hearts!

### **Hymn of Praise**

**Glory be to Christ forever,**  
**Lamb of God and Lord of love.**  
**Son of God and gracious Savior,**  
**you have come from heav'n above;**  
**on the cross you died to save us;**  
**now you reign at God's right hand.**  
**Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us;**  
**in your promise firm we stand.**

P: The Lord be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. 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.**

### **WRITTEN & SPOKEN WORD**

#### **First Reading, Ecclesiastes 7:29**

<sup>29</sup>“God made mortals simple; mortal's complex problems are of their own devising.”

## **Psalm 65:9-13**

<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it,  
you greatly enrich it;  
the river of God is full of water;  
you provide the people with grain,  
for so you have prepared it.

<sup>10</sup>You water its furrows abundantly,  
settling its ridges,  
softening it with showers,  
and blessing its growth.

<sup>11</sup>You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

<sup>12</sup>The pastures of the wilderness overflow,  
the hills gird themselves with joy,

<sup>13</sup>the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,  
the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
they shout and sing together for joy.

## **Second Reading, 1 Timothy 6:6-10**

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

## **Kid's Time**

### **Kid's Song, "Children of the Heavenly Father" ELW #781**

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- 1. Children of the heav'nly Father  
safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven  
such a refuge e'er was given.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**We are turning, Lord, to hear you;  
You are merciful and kind  
Slow to anger, rich in blessing,  
and with love to us inclined.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **Gospel, Matthew 6:19-21; 25-34**

<sup>19</sup>"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>25</sup>"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

<sup>34</sup>"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

**Sermon, "The Christian Habit of Simplicity"**

### **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Hymn, "When I Survey the Wonderous Cross" ELW #803 (*sung to the tune of ELW #458*)**

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**All:**

- 1. When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss  
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

Cantor:

2. Forbid it, Lord,  
that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ,  
my God;  
all the vain things  
that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

Cantor:

3. See from his head,  
his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love  
flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love  
and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose  
so rich a crown?

**All:**

- 4. Were the whole  
realm of nature mine,  
that were a present  
far too small,  
love so amazing,  
so divine,  
demands my soul,  
my life, my all!**

**Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through Him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
He became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake,**

**He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day He rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and His kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the Giver of life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son  
He is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

P: O God, in your steadfast love,

**C: have mercy on us.**

P: We entrust ourselves.....in the name of Christ, our great high priest, now  
and forever.

**C: Amen.**

#### **Offering**

If you are worshiping online or by way of radio, you are encouraged to contribute to Zion's mission by giving online at our website at [zlcw.org](http://zlcw.org), through automatic giving, or mailing your donation to Zion Lutheran Church at PO Box 61, Warroad, MN 56763.

#### **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray. Faithful God..... with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **EDIBLE WORD**

#### **The Words of Institution**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, Who art in heaven.....forever and ever. Amen.**

#### **Communion Distribution**

"Body of Christ, given for you."

"Blood of Christ, shed for you."

#### **Special Music**

#### **Communion Blessing**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray. God of steadfast love.....in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **SENDING**

#### **Blessing**

You are what God made you to be.....in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

#### **Announcements**

1. Loose Offering during Lent will go to the Warroad Food Shelf
2. Easter Services – Please register to attend the Easter services at 7:00 am and 9:00 am on Sunday, April 4. You may make reservations by contacting Zion's office at 218-387-1733, or email [zlcw@mncable.net](mailto:zlcw@mncable.net), or go to our website and click on Quick Links to make reservations. Also, a Worship Committee member will be taking reservations after each service during Lent. Please include in your registration information how many people will be attending from your household and others sitting with you. (parents, kids, grandkids, friends, etc.)

#### **Mission Statement**

**Together in Christ  
We reach up – Worship  
We reach in -- Discipleship  
We reach out – Evangelism  
To the glory of God**

**Sending Hymn, “Jesus, Priceless Treasure” ELW #775 (sing to the tune of ELW #458)**

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1. **Jesus, priceless treasure,  
source of purest pleasure,  
truest friend to me:  
ah, how long I’ve panted,  
and my heart has fainted,  
thirsting, Lord, for Thee!  
Thine I am, O spotless Lamb;  
nothing in this world can hide Thee,  
naught I ask beside thee.**
  
2. **In thine arm I rest me;  
foes who would molest me  
cannot reach me here.  
Though the earth be shaking,  
ev’ry heart be quaking,  
Jesus calms my fear.  
Lightnings flash and thunders crash,  
yet, though sin and hell assail me,  
Jesus will not fail me.**
  
3. **Hence, all fears and sadness,  
for the Lord of gladness,  
Jesus, enters in.  
God, who dearly loves us,  
from all trial saves us,  
gives sweet peace within.  
I have borne this worldly scorn;  
still in thee lies purest pleasure:  
Jesus, priceless treasure!**

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Sending Music**

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**Confirmation Worship Notes**  
**Sunday, March 21, 2021**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

1. The Christian habit we are focusing on this morning is  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. What does a person experience when living in and living out the Christian habit of simplicity?
3. What are two things the Bible has to say about simplicity?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The central point for the Christian habit of simplicity is:
  - a. Seek what first?
  
  - b. And then what will happen?
5. When does simplicity become idolatry?
6. List at least 4 controlling principles for the outward expression of simplicity.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.