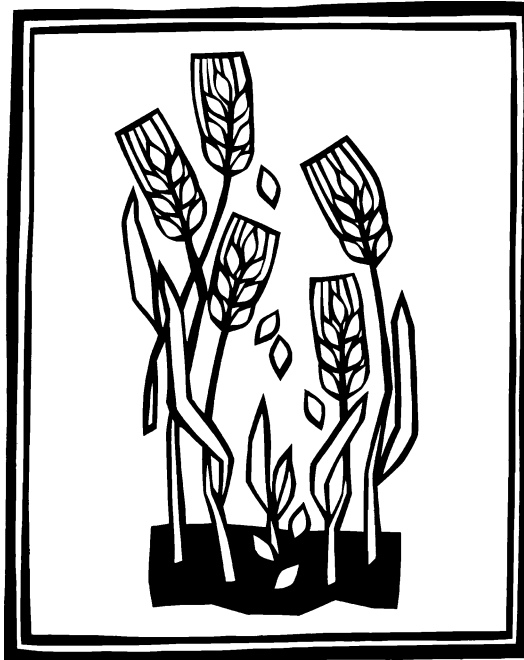


***Parish Three Lutheran Churches
9:00 AM Immanuel, Titonka, IA***



**March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Pastor John Heille
Organist Anita Eden**

Today's introduction:

God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are able)

GATHERING HYMN "My Song is Love Unknown" **LBW #94 vs 1-2, 6-7**

SERVICE OF THE WORD DIALOGUE - LENT "Grace and peace..." **LBW p. 127**

APOSTLE'S CREED **LBW p. 128**

OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE "Listen! You Nations" **LBW #14**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(in unison)*

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.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

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.

Leader: "The Word of the Lord"

All: "Thanks be to God"

PSALM Psalm 51:1-12 (read responsively)

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
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 offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

HYMN

"The Glory of These Forty Days"

WOV #657

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:5-10

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

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."

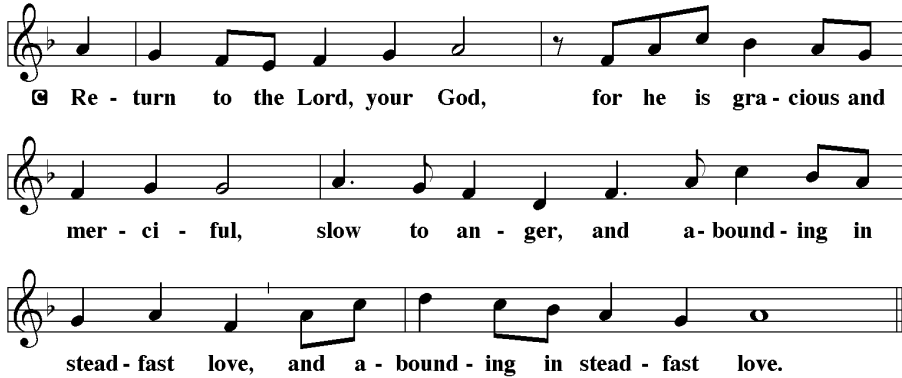
⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, 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.

Leader: "The Word of the Lord"

All: "Thanks be to God"

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL John 12:20-33

Response before the Gospel

All: "Glory to you, O Lord"

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

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.

Response after the Gospel

All: "Praise to you, O Christ"

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

"New Heart New Covenant"

Pr. John Heille

HYMN OF THE DAY

"A New Commandment"

WOV #664 (twice)

(Please stand as you are able)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who writes the law on our hearts,
who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin
and cannot break free.**

We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

We let hurts grow into hatred.

**For all these things and for sins only you know,
forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world,

God draws near to us,

breaks every snare of sin,

washes away our wrongs,

and restores the promise of life through ✚ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OFFERTORY

"Create in Me"

LBW p. 75

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LBW p. 76

BLESSINGS

SENDING

SENDING HYMN

"Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"

LBW #259

POSTLUDE

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PRAYERS

We offer prayers of healing and comfort for those in our church families and communities who are ill, suffering, or coping with a loss. Please include in your prayers: Marje Squier, Russ Bruns, all active military, our folks in nursing homes, and our Bishops Eaton and Halaas.

If you need to reach Pastor John, his cell phone is (507)-399-3119 and his email is unlikelyj@icloud.com. His usual office hours are:

Mondays 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM Immanuel office
Tuesdays 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM St. John's office
Wednesdays 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM Good Hope office

THIS WEEK AT PARISH THREE

3/17/2024 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Men's Pork Loin Dinner @ Good Hope
3/19/2024 1:00 PM Quilting @ St. John's
3/20/2024 April Newsletter deadline
3/20/2024 6:00 PM WOW @ St. John's
3/20/2024 7:00 PM Lent service @ Good Hope - Peter
3/24/2024 9:00 AM Palm Sunday - worship w/communion @ St. John's
3/24/2024 Holy Week begins

**** Welcome to everyone** worshipping today: those attending in person, those attending the Care Center live-stream and anyone joining YouTube Iowa Lutherans. And a big **Thank You** to all those participating in worship services: organists, readers, Care Center live-streamers, ushers, communion preparers and servers, etc.


****The Good Friday service** will be held at Ramsey Reformed Church at 7:00 PM. A combined choir is being planned. Practice will be at 6:00 PM downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

****Did you lose a coat button?** A button was in the noisy offering a couple weeks ago – please see Immanuel's bulletin board to claim it.

****Thank you to St. John's from LSI (Lutheran Services in Iowa):** "Thank you for your generous contributions of \$100 and \$4,750 to LSI in support of our mission: to respond to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service...When you give a gift to LSI, you join thousands of others committed to helping LSI empower individuals, strengthen families, and build communities across our great state. Donors like you help keep our mission alive." Sarah Green, VP of Philanthropy and Church Relations

****The revised 2024 calendar** for Parish Three-Good Hope is posted on the web site (www.parish3.com) under the heading "Future Worship Services".

****Woden's 125th Celebration** will be held July 20 – 21, 2024. Pictures and information about Woden throughout the last 125 years are being requested and can be sent to woden125th@gmail.com or dropped off at the Woden Library or City Hall. There is more information on the hot pink poster on St. John's bulletin board.

 ****You are invited to bring Easter lilies** on Easter Sunday. If you'd like to bring them in memory or in honor of someone special and be noted as such in the Easter bulletins, please email the office (parishthre@wctatel.net) by Thursday evening. Immanuel church will be open on Saturday for drop-offs, or you may bring them on Sunday morning.

****The Church of the Damascus Road (CODR)** can use our help. CODR is the prison ministry in the men's Fort Dodge Prison; Pastor Kelli Glasgo leads the ministry there. Visitors are welcome (with advance registration) at the worship services. "Connie's Closet" helps supply the Men's Halfway House (the re-entry program) with some basic needs - they can use the following items:

Used, clean and in good condition: men's coats, gloves, hats, sweatshirts and sweatpants (XL-3X), shirts (XL-5X), belts (all sizes), shoes (tennis shoes, black dress, non-slip and work boots), towels, washcloths, and plastic hangers.

New: socks (size 6-12), underwear (L-3X)

There are collection boxes in the back of St. John's and Immanuel. Please bring your items by April 14. Thank you!



****Thrivent Choice Dollars time will be ending soon!** Make your donations to the charity of your choice by March 31.

****Immanuel will be collecting memorabilia** to display at the upcoming 125th celebration. Start gathering your things and watch for a Sunday to bring them. All items will be returned; make sure your name is on them to ensure that they are returned.

****An online scrapbook** has been started for Immanuel's 125th Anniversary. Anyone can access it and view or download images at <https://imemories.us/3ZB8mle>. The link will be posted on www.parish3.com. Thank you to Shirley Boyken for making the digital scrapbook.



****Lent will be ending soon** – you may bring back your piggy banks any time you'd like. (Place them in the offering plates.) We'd like to know the total raised by April 10, so returning them any time before the 10th would be great. Proceeds are going to ELCA World Hunger. If you haven't been feeding your piggy bank loose change, checks or paper currency will fit in the banks as well.

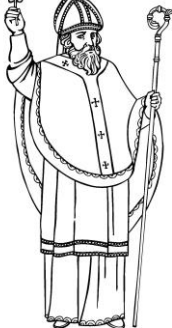
****Communicate, communicate!** There are a couple good sources of communication for congregations in our synod. The first is ***The Scribe***: is a quarterly newsletter by the Western Iowa Synod Women's Organization (WISWO). It contains:

Calendar of upcoming events (WIS Women's Convention-June 15, 2024 + others); messages from Sue Boblit, the President of WISWO and WISWO Outreach; articles on discipleship (a devotion), justice (human trafficking info), stewardship projects, care for creation, companion synod (Tanzania medical school graduate) and opportunities for participation in WISWO programs and projects.

The March issue of ***The Scribe*** is on the bulletin boards at St. John's and Immanuel. If you'd like to be on the email list, contact Sue Boblit at sdboblit@gmail.com.

****Today in church history:**

St. Patrick's
Day



Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, died 461

A native of Britain, Patrick was kidnapped by pirates at age sixteen and sold into slavery in Ireland. After a few years, he escaped, returned home, and entered the ministry. Returning to Ireland, he successfully served as a bishop and missionary there.