

## St. Mark 10:38a

Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking.”



**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 17, 2024

Prelude

\*The Processional Hymn

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

(ELW) No. 759

\*The Confession and Forgiveness

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P: In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: 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.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

\*The Apostolic Greeting

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

\*The Kyrie (*sung response*)

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P: ....., let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

\*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

**C: Almighty God, look favorably upon Your family. Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the world, and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize Your love. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

Adult Choir

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 119:9-16

<sup>9</sup>How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to Your word.

<sup>10</sup>**With my whole heart I seek You; let me not wander from Your commandments!**

<sup>11</sup>I have stored up Your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

<sup>12</sup>**Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes!**

<sup>13</sup>With my lips I declare all the rules of Your mouth.

<sup>14</sup>**In the way of Your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.**

<sup>15</sup>I will meditate on Your precepts and fix my eyes on Your ways.

<sup>16</sup>**I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-10

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*The Lenten Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

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**C: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

\*The Gospel

Mark 10:[32-34] 35-45

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.** (sung after announcement of the Gospel)

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.** (sung after conclusion of the Gospel)

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

\*The Hymn of the Day

*A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth*

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\*The Apostles' Creed

**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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting.  
Amen.**

\*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

\*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

\*The Offertory

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

(SBH) No. 27

\*The Lord's Prayer

**C: 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.**

Announcements

\*The Benediction (*sung response*)

**C: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

\*The Recessional Hymn

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

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\*The Dismissal (*response*)

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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**The flowers on the Chancel** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Frank Black, in love & honor of PFC Nathaniel Black and in honor of Pastor Rob's upcoming birthday by Kathleen Black. A donation is made to Roof Fund.

**The Lay Reader** is Heather Quedenfeld.

**Acolytes are** Wesley Black and Parker Lambert.

**Counters/Greeters** today are L. Sten and S. Berry.

**Welcome to our Visitors!** The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

**Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church?**

Please contact Pastor Grewe.

**Nursery:** We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs of infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

**The Flower Chart for 2024** is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

**Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2024.** Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

**Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2024.** Please sign up.

**Please remember to continue contributing donations to our girls in Ethiopia.**  
**Please consider this as a call to help others in need.**

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**Please pray for those in need of healing:**

Janet Burke, Shari Kienzle, Susan Westott, baby Isaac Christian, the Pollana family, Sylvia Sunstrum, Fritz Group, Eric Group, Danielle Sherman, Amy Verderber, Tillie and Larry, Lou Mayne, Judy, Debbie, Sayward, Jim H., Barbara Mounts, Chiquita Pearson, Tim and Sharon, Judy Coble, Gary Conti, Linnese, Karen and John, Neil Bassi, Phyllis Daniels, Simon Thorp, Josh, Becky Wood, Apollos Yocca, Alex Houck, Bridgette, Rhonda Hendrickson, Ron Erdmann, Belinda, Wilda Durbin, Stacy Carroll, Leann Vitteck, Isabella & family, James, Billie Sue Serbak, Lori Mauer, Jennifer Brown, Mark Black, Kenny & Josh Carl, Cindi and John Moore, Sean Shearer, Ed Dupas, Sandy Salerno, Gavazzi family, Janelle Henderson, Rex Gibson, Mike Phipps, Holly Davis and family, Pat Dupas, Rich Luketich, and Gwen Roberts.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

PA Mental health support and referral line

1-855-284-2494

WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

1-877-225-3567

WASHINGTON COUNTY BHDS LINE

724-228-6832

SCOTT BERRY DIRECT LINE

724-250-4079 (FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY)

FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

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**You can pick up your Sarris Candy that you ordered  
following Service today.**



# My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's  
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love - fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!



## A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth to save a world of sin - ners.  
 2 This lamb is Christ, our great - est friend, the Lamb of God, our Sav - ior,  
 3 Our Sav - ior an - swered from his heart that he would take the bur - den:  
 4 Of death I am no more a - fraid; your dy - ing is my liv - ing.



He bears the bur - den all a - lone, dies shorn of all his hon - ors.  
 whom God in mer - cy chose to send to win us reb - els o - ver.  
 "My Fa - ther's will is my com - mand; I'll do as I am bid - den."  
 You clothe me in your roy - al robes that you are al - ways giv - ing.



He goes to slaugh - ter, weak and faint, is led to die with -  
 "Go down, my child," the Fa - ther said, "and free my chil - dren  
 Oh, won - drous love! Oh, lov - ing might! To right what mor - tals  
 Your love is dress e - nough for me to wear through all e -



## A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



out com - plaint; his spot - less life he of - fers. He bears the shame,  
 from their dread of death and con - dem - na - tion. The pain - ful stripes  
 can - not right the Son was sent from heav - en. What love, O Love,  
 ter - ni - ty be - fore the throne of heav - en, where we shall stand



the stripes, the wrath; his an - guish, mock - er - y,  
 are hard to bear, but by your death they all  
 who came to save by lov - ing e - ven to  
 close by your side, your church, the well - ap - point -



and death for us he glad - ly suf - fers.  
 can share the joy of your sal - va - tion."  
 the grave un - til the stone was riv - en.  
 ed bride, when all the faith - ful gath - er.



# The Communion

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in B-flat major. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics, and the bass staff contains a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -".

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

The second system of musical notation continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -".

way from thy pres - ence: and take not thy Ho - ly

The third system of musical notation continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "way from thy pres - ence: and take not thy Ho - ly".

Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of

The fourth system of musical notation continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of".

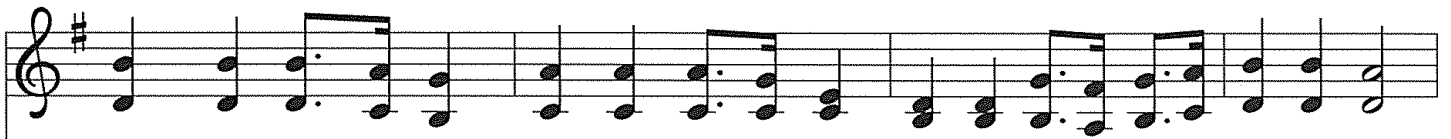
thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it.

The fifth system of musical notation concludes the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it."

# What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

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*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*



- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms?



what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



## *Refrain*



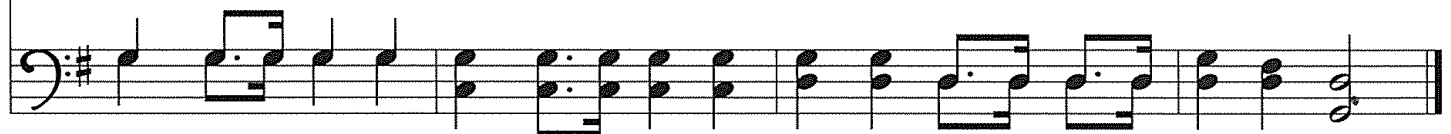
Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

**Hope for Ethiopia funds are low, please donate.**

**Adult Catechism** class is on Tuesday at 11 and 7 pm. We are discussing the book we read over the summer. All are welcome. We look forward to you joining us in our discussion.

**Adult Sunday School** is held before our Church Service starting at 9:45 am in the church library. Come join us.

**Confirmation Class** is Monday from 6-8 pm.

**Bell Choir** rehearsal is Monday at 6:30 pm. We would love for you to join us. Please see Kris Briggs if you are interested, [kkbrgs1@gmail.com](mailto:kkbrgs1@gmail.com). All are welcome.

Our **Dartball team** is looking for more members. Practices are Tuesdays at 7 pm. No experience is needed. Come join us for fun and fellowship. We hope to see you soon. Please contact Dennis Schmidt for information.

**Chess Club** meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. All are welcome from beginners to experienced. We hope that you will join us for fellowship and fun. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

**Listening for the Promise**  
**Weekly Devotional**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent — March 17, 2024**

“So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, ‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you’; as he says also in another place, ‘You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.’”

- Hebrews 5:5-6 -

Queen Victoria of England was only nineteen years old when she was crowned; until that day she was always under supervision. Her ascension to the throne was the first time she was free. She rebelled at first, partying late into the night. In retrospect, she considered that time “the least satisfactory time in her whole life.” She eventually learned what it meant to be a good leader, surrounding herself with strong advisors and helpers, including her husband Albert. Together they made the nation strong; they prospered in economics, industry, science, culture, and the military. All the while she managed to keep a loving home, actively involved with her nine children.

What made Victoria a successful leader? How was she able to prosper a nation while maintaining a loving home? At all times she sought the best for her country and people. She did not seek power, but rather humbled herself, serving her nation for sixty-four years in humility. She consulted her advisors who helped her make the right decisions. Her success was an achievement of character; her reign was one of honesty and simplicity. Her humility did not make her weak; she was a strong leader who ruled in the best interest of her people.

It is so easy to fall into the trap of power. Many kings and queens, presidents and prime ministers, bishops and pastors, CEOs and governors think that their position gives them the authority to control the lives of those over whom they rule instead of remembering that they have been called to serve. We don't even have to be in a position of leadership to fall into the temptation of controlling those around us. We think we know it all, and that eventually leads us to become self-appointed rulers.

The writer of Hebrews reminds us that Jesus also knew himself to be a servant. He was identified as the Son of God with God's own voice. He was obedient to the One who sent Him, sharing the same will as he continues to reign as eternal Priest and King. He did not choose these roles; He is the eternal fulfillment of all God's promises.