

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Not to Be Served, But to Serve
March 24 & 25, 2012

AS WE GATHER

Have you ever tried to tell someone something important while they babble on about trivial things? Today, just a week away from Palm Sunday, Jesus is trying to speak of what is to come. But the disciples were not listening. They are arguing over who was greatest. Jesus stops their conversation in its tracks by bluntly speaking of His cross and describing the cross-shaped pattern of His life. He did not come to be served but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many. If we seek greatness, the path we follow will be shaped by the cross and will demonstrate the same loving service that we have received in Christ.

WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN #616 “Baptismal Waters Cover Me”

(Please rise)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Since we are assembled here to hear the Word of God, to call upon Him in prayer, and to receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is good that we reflect upon our unworthiness, confessing before God our sins of thought, word, and deed, and our helplessness to free ourselves from our sinful nature. It is also good that we remember who we are as the baptized children of God, to whom the Lord has shown His mercy, cleansed from all our sin, and declared righteous in Christ our Lord. We come here today to lay claim again to the grace in which we are forgiven, and, for the sake of Christ, to be restored by His mercy to serve Him and walk in His ways. Let us confess our sins.

People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, by your great goodness mercifully look upon your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

10:30 BAPTISM of Nathan Andrew Delgado

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+ THE WORD OF GOD +

EPISTLE Hebrews 5:1–10 (*Although He was the Son, He learned obedience through what He suffered, becoming the source of salvation for all people.*) Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.” And he says in another place, “You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.” During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

(Please rise)

GOSPEL Mark 10:35–45 (*For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.*) Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.” “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.” “You

don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

(Please be seated)

SERMON *Guatemala Team Interview*

(Please rise)

5:00 & 8:00 APOSTLES' CREED *(found on the back cover of hymnal)*

(Please be seated)

OFFERINGS As your offering is collected, please sign our attendance book located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle.

(Please rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Dear Lord we pray for Pastor Bender and his family as they prepare to move to Wisconsin.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. That the Lord may open our eyes to the covenant of grace He has made with us in Christ and that we may keep this covenant by believing in Jesus Christ and His salvation; let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That we may seek the greatness of service and follow our Lord in the cross- shaped pattern of life and that we may joyfully show forth His servant love in faithful words and deeds; let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That everyone who calls upon the Lord may receive grace sufficient for

their every need and that we may find healing in His wounds. We pray especially for Bea, Jerry, Dee, Gretchen, Harold, Elfrieda, Lois, Dolores, Joe and Samuel and that we may endure the day of trouble and draw upon the healing and strength of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to His gracious will; let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That there may be peace among the nations, faithful leaders in this and every place, and justice and freedom for all people; and that the Lord may bless those who protect us, who defend our liberty, and who guard our freedom, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That we may not be distracted by the emptiness of earthly glory, but seek to serve one another as our Lord has served us, paying the full cost of our redemption and then giving to us freely the grace of forgiveness and eternal life; let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That those who mourn and remember loved ones may be comforted, including Sharon, Henry and Eleanor; let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That we offer praise and thanksgiving to our Lord, for the many blessings we receive. We join with Dave, Carole and Nathan, praising your name; let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That all who come to the table of the Lord may be led by the Spirit to receive His gifts with a living faith, and show forth His grace with lives of holiness and piety; let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ;

People: Lord, have mercy and grant us your grace always. Amen.

5:00 & 8:00 THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord + be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *(Sung to tune #566 "By Grace I'm Saved")*

O Lamb of God the pure and holy, Have mercy on my soul this day.

O Lamb of God the pure and holy, Grant me forgiveness for my sin.

Let me receive Your gracious gift, and take from me my sin and guilt.

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DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #627 "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior" Stanzas 1-4

HYMN #697 "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

HYMN #848 "Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Please rise)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We give you thanks, O Lord, for delivering up your own Son to be our Savior and Redeemer. Open our hearts to your Spirit that we may receive His gift of salvation with faith and to follow Him, serving others as He has served us. Keep us from being distracted by the illusion of greatness that takes but does not give and build in our hearts the desire to serve you with all that we have and all that we are; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"There Is a Redeemer"

(W & R #117)

There is a Redeemer Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Refrain Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. *Refrain*

When I stand in Glory, I will see his face;
there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place. *Refrain*

Preacher

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