

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 17, 2024 – 10:45am



As We Gather – “Forgiving is Often Difficult”

From the time that Adam and Eve first fell into sin, God's people have been in conflict - with Him and with one another. Throughout the Bible, God tells us how He reconciled us to Himself through the atoning work of Jesus Christ, His only Son. He further instructs us how to respond to our conflicts with others. We hope and pray that this sermon series and Bible Study "Go and Be Reconciled - What Does This Mean?" will be helpful to you on your faith journey.

PRESERVICE, “Firm Foundation (He Won’t)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING HYMN, “Way Maker”

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Confident in His steadfast love, we approach our heavenly Father, seeking His forgiveness.

C **Merciful Father, I confess that I have sinned against You in thought, word, and action. I have done that which You forbid, and I have failed to do that which You command. I have grown timid and afraid when confronted by evil. I have not trusted You completely when facing challenges bigger than myself. For the sake of the atoning work of Your Son, Jesus Christ, my Savior, forgive me. By Your Holy Spirit, lead me to a faith more confident in Your wisdom, grace, and power. Lord, put my faith to work for the sake of Your kingdom. 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.

C Amen.

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING, Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares 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. ³⁴And no

longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING, Colossians 3:12-17

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL, Luke 17:1-6

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him." ⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MYSTERY BOX MESSAGE

Pastor Bob Gehrke

SERMON HYMN, "Stand in Your Love"

SERMON

"Forgiving is Often Difficult"

Pastor Bob Gehrke

Luke 17:1-6

NICENE CREED *(see the screen or the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

This is a time that we, as a church family return a portion of the financial blessings God has given us. If you are our guests today, please do not feel obligated to participate. We have many ways to give your tithe or offering. You may place your offering in the plate when it is passed, mail it to the church, text to give by texting 84321 with any dollar amount (be sure to select "South Shore"), give online at sstwbl.org/give, or use the Church Center App from your smartphone (available for both Android and iOS). Disciples of Jesus at SST, please fill out an ivory SST Registration card and place in the offering plate.

Guests: If you would like more information regarding South Shore Trinity, please fill out a blue Guest Registration card before and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher before leaving.

OFFERTORY, "You Say"

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER *(see the screen or the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION SONG, "Washed Away"

GROWING IN THE WORD

C First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. – Matthew 5:24

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.

SENDING HYMN, "One Thing Remains"

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TRINITY TIDINGS

March 17, 2024

The Flowers at the Altar today are given to the glory of God by Martha Olson and in loving memory of my husband Arlen and for God's many blessings, especially my children and grandchildren.

The Memorial Service for Harlan Arndt will be tomorrow at 11:00am. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Easter Festival and Easter Egg Hunt: Event is Saturday, March 23 at 10:00AM until noon. Activities include indoor Easter egg hunt, indoor mini-golf, bingo, additional games, kids craft corner and refreshments!

The Book Nook has available to purchase Easter greeting cards, napkins and other greeting cards for all your needs. Come visit us!

The Planning Board will meet tomorrow at 7:00pm.

SPECIAL SERVICES for HOLY WEEK

Saturday/Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday

5:30pm and 8:00 & 10:45am Worship and Communion
With Apple of His Eye Ministries

Holy Thursday, March 28

Worship with Communion at 11:00am
Worship with First Communion at 7:00pm

Good Friday, March 29

Memorial Worship at 11:00am
Tenebrae Worship at 7:00pm

Saturday, March 30, Easter Vigil

Worship with Communion at 5:30pm

Sunday, March 31, The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday

Worship with Communion at 7:00am, 9:00am & 10:45
Easter Breakfast 8:15-10:30am

SERVING THIS WEEK

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Bob Gehrke

Associate Pastor, Rev. Dan Bodin

Acolytes: 8:00 TBD | 10:45 TBD

Anna Altar: Muriel Janneke and Ann Janneke

Coffee: Glenn and Terry Borkenhagen

Counters: Annette Chamberlin & Muriel Janneke

Readers: 8:00 Ruby Moskop | 10:45 Ed Gerlach

Organist/Pianist: Sharon Calhoun

Live Stream Tech: 8:00 & 10:45 Chris Hesselbach

AV Tech: 5:30 Ken Kirchhoff | 8:00 Dan Wille | 10:45 Carol Gerlach

Ushers: 5:30 Tyler and Amanda Pojanowski | 8:00 Rick Carlson & Dennis Lorenzen | 10:45 Ed Gerlach

Happy Easter



CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

(Please include the follow people in your prayers)

Those celebrating a birthday: 3/17 – Patrick Casey, Samuel Halbe, Kathy Lystig, Craig Wheatley, Emma Svoboda, Nancy Nelson, 3/19 – Ella Svoboda, 3/20 – Lois Arndt, Danna Anderson, 3/21 – Peggy Dewitz, William Niebergall, 3/22 – Donald Womeldorff

Those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries: 3/17 – Cameron Berg, Dani Reed, 3/18 – Aiden Ryan, 3/19 – Stephanie Boleen, Tim Lundgren, 3/20 – Danna Anderson, 3/21 – Tyler Pojanowski, 3/22 – Lindsey Carlson

Those celebrating a wedding anniversary: 3/22 – Nate and Rita Groneberg

ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday, March 18

8:00-12pm	AARP Senior Tax Aid [2 nd floor]
10:00am	Harlan Arndt Visitation
11:00am	Harlan Arndt Memorial Service
6:00pm	Music Committee
6:30-8:00pm	Scouts
7:00pm	Planning Board [F8 and Zoom]

Tuesday, March 19

8:00-12pm	AARP Senior Tax Aid [2 nd floor]
1:15pm	Staff Meeting [F8]
6:30-8:30pm	Women's AA [upstairs]

Wednesday, March 20

9:30am	Young-at-Heart Bible Study [F8]
9:30am	Women's Bible Study [B9]
11:00am	LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE
11:30am	Lenten Luncheon/Benefiting Griefshare
11:30am	Piano Duets [S]
5:45pm	Fellowship Meal
6:30pm	LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE
7:00-8:00pm	Forge (6-12 th) Confirmation
7:00pm	Chancel Choir [2-12]

Thursday, March 21

8:00-12pm	AARP Senior Tax Aid [2 nd floor]
8:30am	Men's Bible Study [F8]
9:30-11:30am	Women's Bible Study [F8] and [B9]
1:00pm	Dorcas Quilters [B22]
1:30pm	Worship at Cerenity with Pastor Gehrke
6:00pm	Vesper Bells [S, F8]
7:00pm	Adult Bible Study [F8]

Saturday, March 23

9:00am	Easter Festival and Egg Hunt [K, B22]
10:00-Noon	Grief Share [F8]
11:00-Noon	AI-Anon [2-5]
3:00pm	Interactive Session: "From Lip Service to Heart Service" with Steve Cohen.
5:30pm	Worship with Communion

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Please use this Prayer Guide in the coming week to pray for the following people and situations.
Those who are listed in italics are friends and family of SST disciples.

For those recovering from surgery: Jennifer Jewell, Tim Lundgren, Merlin Holman, *Dee Dee Hudak*

For those in hospice: Rick Carlson, Pastor Norb Streufert

For those the family and friends who mourn:

- Harlan Arndt who passed away on February 11. Service will be on March 18 at 11:00. Visitation one hour prior to the service
- Evelyn Kleppe who passed away on March 7. She was a disciple at SST.
- *Jim Denny* who passed away on March 10 (Peggy Strutt's brother-in-law)

God's healing: Eileen Spreeman, Danna Anderson, Herb Frederick, Margaret Ribble, Elizabeth Iverson, Marian Meier, Tim Lundgren, Lin Carlson, Elaine Frahm, Betty Frohrib, Celeste Gifford, Jolene Patricelli, *Connie Barbeau, Ruby Moskop, Warren, Everett, Gloria (Emmie Boleen's relatives)*

Those with on-going health issues: *Verna Benson*, Jim and Meredith Reinholdt

God's comfort, peace and healing for those with cancer: Jack Frahm, Jill Larson, Patti Molkenbur, Bill Niebergall, Rick and Lin Carlson, *SST's Letter Carrier, Bruce Semling, Jo Biebighauser*

Protection of our Armed Forces and their families: *Peter Gifford, Megan Lisowy, Aaron Meissen, Brodey Perron, Scott Polack, Andrew Reed, Jim Schumann, Dalton Wenzel, Dylan Wenzel, Wyatt Kassa*

For SST Missions and missionaries: *Rev. Dr. Fung and Kalia* missionary family to SE Asia in Thailand | *Pastor Stephen Heimer and Vicar Alex Escarciga* at *Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso, Texas* | SST Preschool, reaching our community | MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers)

Federal, State and local government and all those in positions of authority