

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

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March 13 , 2022 – SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
10:30 AM - Holy Communion/ Worship
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Prelude - “Larghetto ” - Jean Marie LeClair

Welcome - Announcements - Welcome our Guest Preacher,

Introduction to Worship

Confession and Forgiveness (Stand if you are able)

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

Amen.

Holy One,

**we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted
your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have
squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in
our midst.**

Have mercy on us!

**Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God
shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and against and gathers
you under wings of love. In + Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God
journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn - ELW #321 - "Eternal Lord of Love" vs. 1 & 2

(Stand if you are able)

Greeting

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

PEOPLE: **AND ALSO WITH YOU**

Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life
to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your
mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share 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- Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Lector: **The Word of the Lord.**

PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Psalm 27 (read responsively)

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸My heart speaks your message-

"Seek my face." Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away- you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

¹⁰Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will take me in.

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

¹²Subject me not to the will of my foes, for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.

¹³This I believe- that I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

¹⁴Wait for the LORD and be strong.

Take heart and wait for the LORD!

Second Reading- Philippians 3: 17- 4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Lector: **The Word of the Lord**

PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand)

ELW# 186 - "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

Pastor: **The holy gospel according to Luke:**

PEOPLE: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

The Holy Gospel - Luke 13: 31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Pastor: **The gospel of the Lord.**

PEOPLE: **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

(Be seated after the gospel)

Message/ Sermon - Rev. James Heckman

Hymn of the Day - ELW #613 - "Thy Holy Wings"

NICENE' CREED (Please stand , if able)

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who 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 and Intercessions:

Pastor: Hear us, O God.

People: YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer (said by Pastor)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Pastor: **Lift up your hearts.**
LORD.

People: **WE LIFT THEM TO THE**

Pastor: **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

People: **IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

Jesus' Words of Institution (said by Pastor)

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Pastor: **All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.**

(At this time, remove the seal at the bottom of the small chalice, remove the small piece of bread. Hold it in your hand)

P: **This is the body of Christ given for you. Take and eat.** (Eat the bread)

(At this time, remove the seal above the small chalice. Hold the chalice in your hand.)

P: **This is the blood of Christ, shed for you. Take and drink.**

(Drink the wine or grape juice. Set down the small chalice for prayer.)

P: (Communion Blessing) **The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. AMEN.**

Prayer after Communion (said by Pastor)

Blessing (Pastor) : You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, + bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn- ELW #322 - "*Oh Love, How Deep*" vs. 1,2,3

(Stand if you are able)

Dismissal:

Pastor: Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Postlude - "Toccata" - Girolami Frescobaldi

Helping in Worship

Preacher	- Rev. James Heckman
Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Acolyte	- Leo Grzelkowski
Altar Guild	- Beth Snyder and Nancy Moskella
Lector	- Bea von Watzdorf
Usher	- Joe Hlavaty
Council Counting Team	- Mark Harwick and Val McGinn
Technology	- Ken Anderson
Office Secretary	- Jessica Mette
Custodian	- Dianna Streletz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY, Sunday, March 13th - Second Sunday in Lent/ Holy Communion with Rev. James Heckman
 - Next Sunday, March 20th - Third Sunday in Lent/ Holy Communion with Rev. Dr. Shirley Guider
 - The Adult Bible study meets from 2:00-4:00 at the home of Don Seipt and Kathy Hlavaty on Thursdays. Carpooling from the church is available.
 - MARCH BIRTHDAYS - MARCH 15th- Samantha Mueller
 - MARCH BAPTISMS - MARCH 17th - Don Crouse
 - Sincere thanks to everyone for all the anniversary, birthday, and get well cards and wishes you sent to us. We really appreciate your thoughtfulness.
- George & Betty Kreitz
- Also... Your sympathy cards and prayers regarding my brother Clarence Hoover Jr were greatly appreciated by my family.
- Joan Mammana
 - MARCH "OUTREACH OFFERINGS" will go toward playground equipment.

Please lift the following up in prayer: ...

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Norma Fox; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Dot Peterman; Steven Streletz; Carolyn Williams and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family: Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Deb Carmichael; Alice Cicatiello ; Bill Corrigan; Lisa & Dave DeLorenzo; Chris Fear; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner. Ken Garey; Candie Gimbar; George & Lois James; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Chelsea Marley; Jim McAnally; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Ron Steele; Jesse Stimell; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; and Linda Wilson.

For those who are Homebound: Cleo & Ken Eck; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

For the grieving: Dean Litzenberger; Bobby Starling; and Clarence Hoover Jr

For those in Health Care: Sara Aquino; Debbie Angstadt; Kendell Beerer; Mary Crouse; Sara Deal Den Herder; Mary Erceg; Faye Gadwell; Morgan Litz; Tanya Naska; Kristi Lee Reiman; and Sharon Streletz.