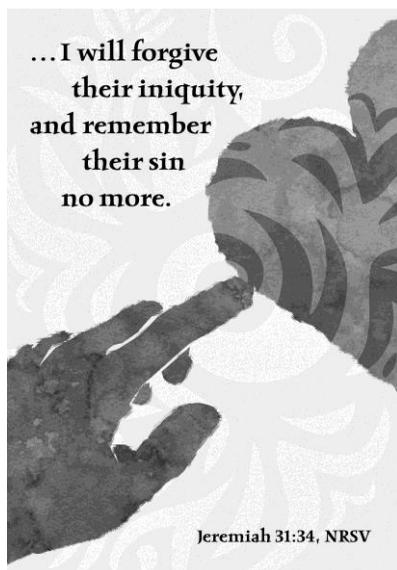


THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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Worship Focus

“I Promise” – One-sided Commitment



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Order of Service for THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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✠ Gathering ✠

OPENING HYMN

388 – Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven



1 Re - deemed, re - stored, for - giv - en Through Je - sus'
2 Once on the drear - y moun - tain We wan - dered
3 Dear Mas - ter, yours the glo - ry Of each re -
4 Now keep us, ho - ly Sav - ior, In your true



pre - cious blood, Heirs of his home in heav - en -
far and wide, Far from the cleans - ing foun - tain,
cov - ered soul. Ah, who can tell the sto - ry
love and fear, And grant us by your fa - vor



Oh, praise our par - d'ning God! Praise him in tune - ful
Far from the pierc - ed side, But Je - sus sought and
Of love that made us whole? Not ours, not ours the
The grace to per - se - vere Till, in your new cre -



mea - sures Who gave his Son to die; Praise him whose
found us; Our man - y sins he bore. With cords of
mer - it; To you a - lone the praise! Give us a
a - tion, Our earth - ly trou - bles o'er, Heirs of your



sev'n - fold trea - sures En - rich and sanc - ti - fy.
love he bound us To him for - ev - er - more.
thank - ful spir - it To serve you all our days.
free sal - va - tion, We praise you ev - er - more.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77, alt.
Tune: KUORTANE (76 76 D) Finnish folk tune, c. 19th century.

INVOCATION

Minister In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

M Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.

LORD HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)



Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us. A - men.

ABSOLUTION

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

M Let us pray. Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

✠ The Word ✠

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The New Covenant (of forgiveness for sins) is not like the Old Covenant. It is one-sided! God keeps the covenant, and we get the blessings.

JEREMIAH 31:31 “The time is coming,” declares the LORD,
“when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel
and with the house of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers
when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,”
declares the LORD.

³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time,”
declares the LORD.

“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.
I will be their God, and they will be my people.

³⁴ No longer will a man teach his neighbor,
or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’
because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,”
declares the LORD.

“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 5:7-9

By patient endurance and humiliation Jesus became our perfect Savior.

HEBREWS 5:7 During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

Jesus makes these three astonishing announcements: His glory begins with his humiliation; he has come to suffer; he has come to die! This is the New Covenant.

JOHN 12:20 Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast.
21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” 22 Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

23 Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. 25 The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

27 “Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” 29 The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

30 Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. 31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. 32 But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.” 33 He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

**C 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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

394 – Blessed Are the Saints of God



1 Bless - ed are the saints of God; They are bought with
2 They are jus - ti - fied by grace; They en - joy the
3 They are lights up - on the earth, Chil - dren of a



Christ's own blood. They are ran - somed from the grave;
Sav - ior's peace. All their sins are washed a - way;
heav'n - ly birth. One with God, with Je - sus one,



Life e - ter - nal they shall have. With them num - bered
They shall stand in God's great day. With them num - bered
Glo - ry is in them be - gun. With them num - bered



may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.
may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.
may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Joseph Humphreys, b. 1720, alt.
Tune: VOLLER WUNDER (77 77 77) Johann G. Ebeling, 1637–76.

✠ Sermon ✠

Jeremiah 31:31-34

God Promises the Return of the One-Sided Covenant

Sermon notes:

✠ Praise and Prayers ✠



Cre - ate in me a
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MUSICAL OFFERING

We appreciate the offerings given to support the work of God's Kingdom here and throughout the world. Offerings can be given in any of three ways:

1. Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary
2. On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>
3. On your phone with the Give+ app (a Vanco product)

Give us a record of your visit through our online Connection Card. The Connection Card tab can be found at the bottom right of any page of the Calvary website, <https://calvarydallas.org>

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, in these Lenten days we ask You to pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us to write Your Word on our hearts, that we might know You as the God who forgives our iniquities and remembers our sins no more. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, bless and sustain our Synod president, district president, circuit pastor, and all our called workers, who like us are beset with weakness. Grant that they may deal gently with us, and keep them faithful in proclaiming Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, look in mercy on all those to whom You have given earthly authority. Guard them from the temptation to lord it over us improperly, that they might faithfully serve according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You watch over, protect and defend us through the service of others. Bless those who serve in our military, police forces and all emergency services who, like Your Son, are often called on to lay down their lives for us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, as Your only begotten Son learned obedience though what He suffered, we pray that You would bless, sustain and relieve _____ and all who suffer in our midst, that walking the way of the cross with Your Son, they may know the fullness of His eternal salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You have baptized us with Christ's Baptism to be our God, that we might be Your people. Grant us faithfully to drink from His cup in the blessed Sacrament, that He might sustain our life in Him with His flesh and blood. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

✠ The Sacrament ✠

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

100 – A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, Our guilt and
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of
3 “Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll bear what
4 From morn till eve, in all I do, I'll praise you,



e - vil bear - ing And, lad - en with the sins of earth,
God, our Sav - ior; Him God the Fa - ther chose to send
you com - mand me. My will con - forms to your de - cree;
Christ, my trea - sure. To sac - ri - fice my - self for you



None else the bur - den shar - ing. Goes pa - tient on,
To gain for us his fa - vor. “Go forth, my Son,”
I'll do what you have asked me.” O won - drous Love,
Shall be my aim and plea - sure. My stream of life



grows weak and faint, To slaugh-ter led with - out com-plaint,
 the Fa-ther said, "And free my chil-dren from their dread
 what have you done! The Fa-ther of-fers up his Son,
 shall ev-er be A cur-rent flow-ing cease-less-ly,



That spot-less life to of-fer, Bears shame and stripes
 Of guilt and con-dem-na-tion. The wrath and stripes
 De-sir-ing our sal-va-tion. O Love, how strong
 Your con-stant praise out-pour-ing. I'll trea-sure in



and wounds and death, An-guish and mock-er-y and says,
 are hard to bear, But by your pas-sion they will share
 you are to save! You make his bed with-in the grave
 my mem-o-ry, O Lord, all you have done for me,



"Will-ing all this I suf-fer."
 The fruit of your sal-va-tion."
 Who built the earth's foun-da-tion.
 Your gra-cious love a-dor-ing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.
 Tune: AN WASSERFLÜSSEN BABYLON (87 87 887 887) Wolfgang Dachstein, c. 1487–1553.

✠ Sending ✠

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

332 – Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing,
 2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en,
 3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished,
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you



Nev - er a - lone. Wak - ing, sleep - ing,
 At peace and pure. Here you learned how
 Clos - er to me; Grow in love and
 And give you peace; I the Lord will



I am with you; You are my own.
 much I love you, What I can cure.
 love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free.
 smile up - on you And give you peace;



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; Here you
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here his
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior,



made you mine for - ev - er. Go, my chil - dren,
 touched him, saw his glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren,
 ten - der com - fort stilled you. Go, my chil - dren,
 Com - fort - er, and Broth - er. Go, my chil - dren;



with my bless - ing— You are my own.
 sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
 fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.
 I will keep you And give you peace.

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 Tune: AR HYD Y NOS (84 84 88 84) Welsh melody, 18th century.