

Fifth Sunday in Lent



SHADES VALLEY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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March 21, 2010
10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT SHADES VALLEY!

The Lord our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading we recall the transformation of Saul, the persecutor, into Paul, the apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING headphones are available. Please ask an usher if you would like to use one.

HOLY COMMUNION - - Baptized Christians are welcome to come to the altar and receive by faith our Lord's real presence. The Lutheran Church teaches that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is a priceless gift from God.

NURSERY - - We have a nursery supervised by an adult near our worship space. Children are especially important to us and we want to make sure they have a safe and loving environment. An usher can provide you with directions. We also welcome young children to the Lord's table to receive a personal blessing during communion.

STAFF

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PERSONAL DEVOTIONS (*Before the service speak to God. During the service let God speak to you. Following the service speak to one another.*)

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

~arr. M. Hassell

Elissa Capps, flute

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

A period of silence helps us call to mind the many ways in which sin has scarred both our personal and community life. Please kneel as you are able.

Merciful God,

we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and are not worthy to be called your children. Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways. Bring us back to you as those who once were dead but now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Through the Holy Spirit, God gives life, freedom from the power of sin, and resurrection from the dead. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live in newness of life.

Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN/KYRIE

"Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved"

ELW 602

- 1) *O God, Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.*
**Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know,
by ev'ry evil, ev;ry woe;
upon your cross-forsaken Son
our death is laid, and peace is won.**
- 2) *O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.*
**Your arms extend, O Christ,
to save from sting of death and grasp of grave;
your scars before the Father move
his heart to mercy at such love.**
- 3) *O God, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us.*
**O lavish Giver, come to aid
the children that your word has made.
Now make us grow and help us pray;
bring joy and comfort; come to stay.**

GREETING

From our God who loves us with an everlasting love, who brings forth a new creation in Christ, who leads us by the Spirit in the wilderness; Grace and abundant mercy be with you all.

And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

We sit

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126 (*read responsively between lector and congregation*)

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with ¹shouts of joy.**

³Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

⁴**The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.**

⁵Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.

⁶**Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have

already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.
¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

We stand

THE GRADUAL VERSE

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Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the twelfth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:1-8

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SERMON

"Going Forward with Jesus"

Pastor Dan Dahl

We stand

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

ELW 803

- 1) **When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.**
- 2) **Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.**
- 3) **See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?**
- 4) **Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

NICENE CREED

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gathered by the Spirit, let us return to the Lord our God and pray for the church, the world, and all who yearn for new life.

A brief silence. Please kneel as you are able.

God who makes all things new, be with those seeking the life-giving water of baptism. Renew our faith, that we might prepare the way for others. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Awaken plants and animals from their winter rest, and bless the work of those who toil on land and sea. Grant us favorable weather and a spring season filled with the promise of an abundant harvest. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Raise us faithful leaders who will govern with wisdom. Defend those who are victims of war, poverty, or injustice. Show all nations the way of peace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Create a spirit of hospitality within your church. Grant that we might welcome others as you have welcomed us. Lord, in your mercy,,

hear our prayer.

Bring wholeness to those who are broken, healing to those who are sick, hope to those who are despondent, and comfort to those who are afraid, that they may know your loving care. Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you have commanded us to pray, and you promise to hear us. Hear the prayers of your people and grant us all that we need, for the sake of the one in whose name we pray, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord
Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

(This tradition of greeting, going back to the early church, offers those at worship an opportunity to share the presence of the risen Christ in complete relationship with him as a prelude to Holy Communion.)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

We sit

THE OFFERING

“Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow”

~C. Wesley

The Sanctuary Choir

Bob Taylor, trumpet

The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

We stand

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

“Create in Me”

ELW 186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God, gracious and merciful,
you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(spoken)*

The Lord be with you.

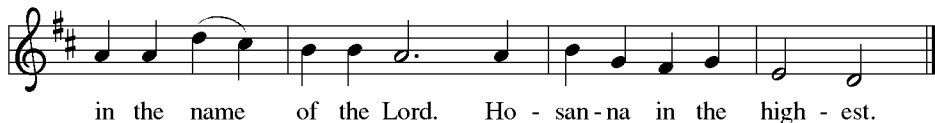
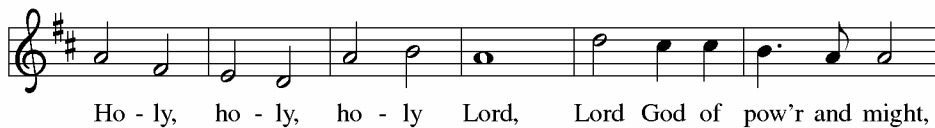
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

We sit

HOLY COMMUNION

*(All who call upon the name of Jesus Christ as Lord are invited and encouraged to come forward. Communion is by **intinction**. Simply hold the wafer in your hand until the cup comes to you. Then, dip the wafer in the cup as the words of reception are spoken. Each communicant may make the sign of the cross as a remembrance of Holy Baptism, and speak the word, "Amen" as communion is received.)*

“Lamb of God”

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”
“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”**

**ELW 337
ELW 335**

We stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

- 1) **O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me, my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**
- 2) **Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.**
- 3) **Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.**
- 4) **O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.**

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

This Week at Shades Valley

Today, March 21st . . .

10:30am Worship

Monday, March 22nd . . .

9:30am Quilters
6:30pm Augsburg Bible Study

Tuesday, March 23rd . . .

1:00pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 24th . . .

2:00pm Recorders
3:00pm Quilters
4:00pm Jr. High Confirmation
5:30pm Dinner
5:30pm Jr. Bells
5:30pm Sr. High Bible Study
6:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:00pm Senior Bells
6:15pm Prayer in Chapel
6:30pm Children's Choir
7:00pm Lenten Service
7:30pm Sanctuary Choir

Friday, March 26th . . .

SPAFER in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 27th . . .

SPAFER in Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, March 28th . . .

8:00am Worship
9:15am Sunday School for ALL
10:30am Worship

Office Hours:
Monday -- Thursday
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Friday
9:00 am - 12:00 noon

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Mission Statement for Shades Valley

*"Saved by Grace, we worship God, love all, and prepare through
Word and Sacrament to share joyfully Christ with the world."*

adopted: Pentecost 24-November 19, 2006

Serving Today

LECTOR
ASSISTING MINISTER
ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
USHERS

LOCKUP

Sharon Lampkin
Dot Smith
Patrick O'Sheal
Ellen Brake, Sharon Lampkin
Andrew Gnann, Paige Stagner,
Barry Luther, Lois Luther
Wayne Buchanan

EASTER LILY AND FERN ORDER FORM

(We have a limit of 30 ferns this year.)

*DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS
NEXT SUNDAY, March 28h.*

(Please PRINT clearly.)



I wish to give a:

Fern @ \$16.00

Lily @ \$9.00

One fern or lily per form please!

IN HONOR OF: _____

-OR-

IN MEMORY OF: _____

GIVEN BY _____ ENVELOPE NO. _____

(One plant per order form, please. You may write one check for multiple orders.)