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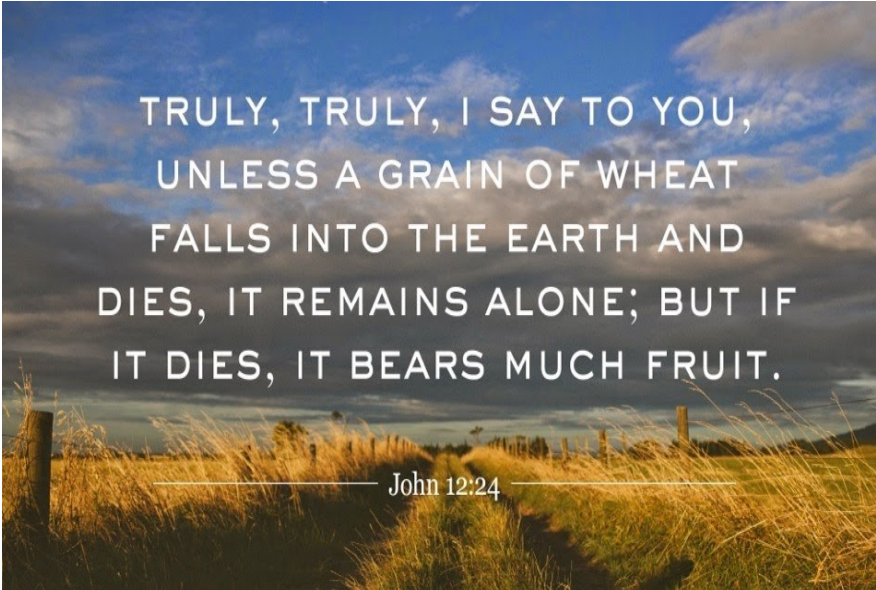
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TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU,
UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT
FALLS INTO THE EARTH AND
DIES, IT REMAINS ALONE; BUT IF
IT DIES, IT BEARS MUCH FRUIT.

John 12:24

OUR WELCOMING STATEMENT:

At Becks Evangelical Lutheran Church, we offer everyone a place in the family of God. Without condition or judgment, all people are welcome to join us in the worship, fellowship, and ministry of Jesus Christ!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

As the people of God in this time and place; we are called to live in fellowship with each other, in witness to our faith at all times and in stewardship of all that we have been given.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018

10:30 AM

Welcome to Becks Lutheran Church where we worship God, and learn and grow in faith. Please take a moment during the announcements to sign our Fellowship Register.

✠ ✠ GATHERING ✠ ✠

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But, if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with the power of the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

*PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

*HYMN: 327 *“Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow”* Ebenezer
Bernhardt S. Ingemann

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

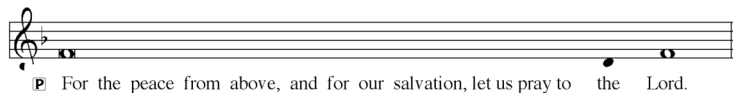
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

*KYRIE



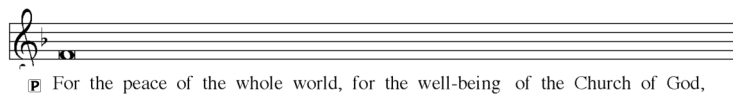
P In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



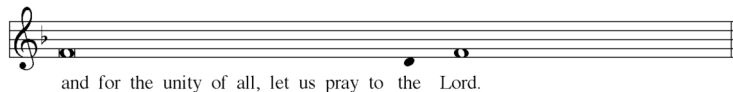
P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



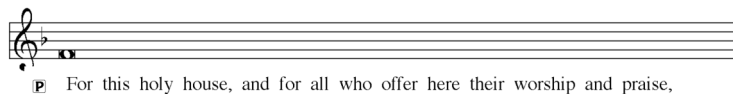
P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



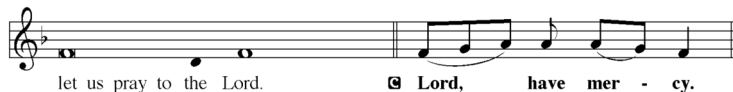
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



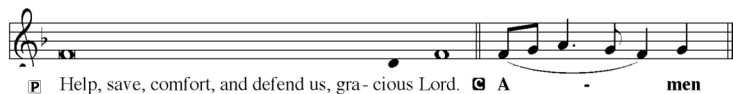
C Lord, have mer - cy.



P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

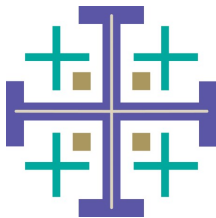
✠ ✠ WORD ✠ ✠

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says 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. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 51:1-12 (read responsively)

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

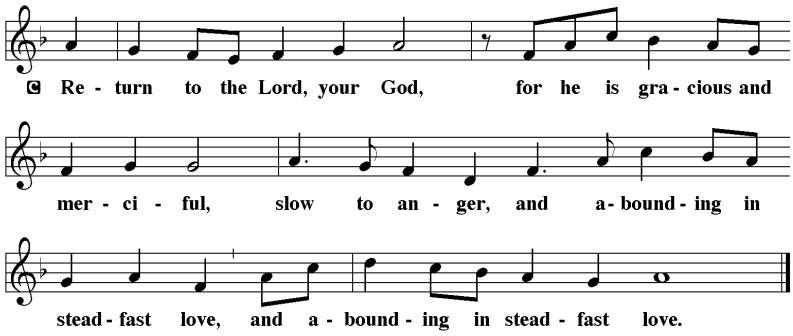
⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

℣ The word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION—** (*sung by all, please stand as you are able*)



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

***GOSPEL: John 12:20-33**

P The holy gospel according to St. John the twelfth chapter.

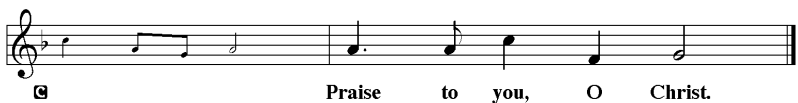


Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDRENS SERMON—*If you haven't already done so, please pass the Fellowship Register along your pew and return it to the center aisle after everyone has signed.*

SERMON

Vicar Rob Crawford

***HYMN: 595**

“Jesus Loves Me!”

Jesus Loves Me
Anna B. Warner

***APOSTLES' CREED**

☐ God has made us his people through our baptism in Christ. Living together in trust and hope let us confess our faith.

☑ **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

(after each petition).....Lord, in your mercy,

☑ **hear our prayer.**

☐ Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

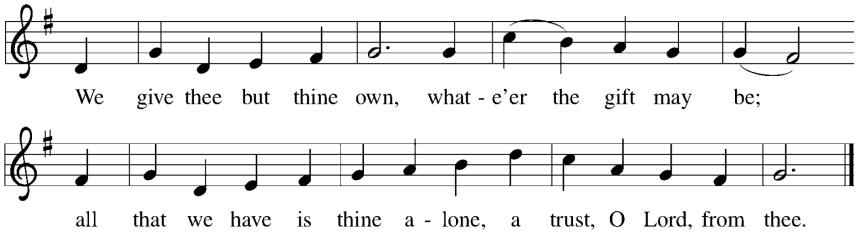
✠ ✠ MEAL ✠ ✠

OFFERING

**“Moonlight Sonata”
Eunice Myers, Piano**

Ludwig van Beethoven

***PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS** *(sung by all)*



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text: "We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text: "all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Merciful God,

C receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING** *(Spoken)*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (sung by all)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and
forever.

C Amen.

P Remember us in your kingdom, O God, and teach us to pray:

***THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken)**

**C 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.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

C Thanks be to God.

Christ welcomes you to this meal and all are welcome to come to the table.

Those unable to partake of wheaten bread, wine or grape juice are assured that the Church affirms our Lord's whole and abiding presence in, with, and under each element alone. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Return to your pew for meditation and prayer. Please let an usher know if you need assistance.

Please refrain from conversation during the distribution of Holy Communion out of respect for those who may be in prayer.

LAMB OF GOD *(sung by all)*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

SILENCE DURING COMMUNION — *A time for quiet reflection.*

*TABLE BLESSING

P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of His body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C Amen.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P 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 Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ ✠ SENDING ✠ ✠

*BLESSING

P May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ✠ peace.

C Amen.

***HYMN: 803** *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

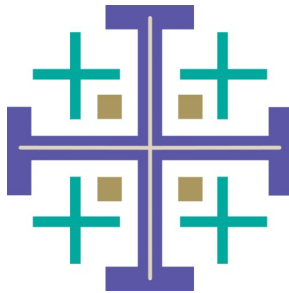
*Hamburg
Isaac Watts*

***DISMISSAL**

☞ Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**



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