

# First Lutheran Church, Morris MN

## Lenten Midweek Service: Wednesday, March 10, 2021

### Gathering

#### Prelude

#### Greeting

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

#### Hymn: "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery" #334

1. Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry,  
in your death we are reborn;  
though you die in all of hist'ry,  
still you rise with ev'ry morn,  
still you rise with ev'ry morn.
2. We remember truth once spoken,  
love passed on through act and word;  
ev'ry person lost and broken  
wears the body of our Lord,  
wears the body of our Lord.
3. Christ, you lead and we shall follow,  
stumbling though our steps may be;  
one with you in joy and sorrow,  
we the river, you the sea,  
we the river, you the sea.
4. Give us eyes to see you clearly;  
make us children of your light.  
Give us hearts to live more nearly  
as your gospel shining bright.

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#### Opening Prayer

### Word

#### Reading: Matthew 5:1-19

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. <sup>13</sup>"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from

the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

**Message** "True Greatness"

**Hymn:** "Blest Are They" #728

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| 1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit;<br>theirs is the kingdom of God.<br>Blest are they, full of sorrow;<br>they shall be consoled. <b>Refrain</b> | 2. Blest are they, the lowly ones;<br>they shall inherit the earth.<br>Blest are they who hunger and thirst;<br>they shall have their fill. <b>Refrain</b> |
| 3. Blest are they, who show mercy,<br>mercy shall be theirs.<br>Blest are they, the pure of heart;<br>they shall see God. <b>Refrain</b>             | 4. Blest are they who seek peace;<br>they are the children of God.<br>Blest are they who suffer in faith;<br>the glory of God is theirs. <b>Refrain</b>    |
| 5. Blest are you who suffer hate,<br>all because of me.<br>Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom;<br>shine for all to see. <b>Refrain</b>           | <b>Refrain</b><br>Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!<br>Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!                                 |

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**Apostles' Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and 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.**

**Offering/Offertory**

**Prayers & Lord's Prayer**

# Sending

Hymn: "This Little Light of Mine" #677

1. This little light of mine,  
I'm goin'a let it shine;  
this little light of mine,  
I'm goin'a let it shine;  
this little light of mine,  
I'm goin'a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine,  
let it shine.
2. Ev'ry where I go,  
I'm goin'a let it shine;  
Ev'ry where I go,  
I'm goin'a let it shine;  
Ev'ry where I go,  
I'm goin'a let it shine;  
let it shine, let it shine,  
let it shine.
3. Jesus gave it to me,  
I'm goin'a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me,  
I'm goin'a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me,  
I'm goin'a let it shine;  
let it shine, let it shine,  
let it shine.

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Blessing

Sending

Postlude