

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School**  
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I WILL BE  
**THEIR GOD,**  
AND THEY SHALL BE  
**MY PEOPLE**



**JEREMIAH 31:33**

10:45 a.m. Sunday, March 21, 2021  
*Sermon: "New Covenant"*  
*Text: Jeremiah 31:31-34*



**St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School**  
- A Family to Whom You Belong -  
Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

*The Fifth Sunday in Lent*

10:45 a.m. Sunday, March 21, 2021

**Servants of God's House Today:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Kenny Hsu    DCE Intern: Grace Wolfgram

**Elders:** Tim Draube    **Praise Team Leader:** Doris Hill

**Ushers:** Tim Draube Team

**Missionaries:** Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf, Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump,  
Rev. Paul Flo, Charles Cortwright

**Reader:** Judy Seaman

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**WELCOME!** We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

**AS WE GATHER**    The Israelites repeatedly had broken the covenants God made with them, and yet in today's Old Testament Reading He promises a new covenant. This one, however, will not be based on the external Law of God; by pure grace, it will be written on the hearts of God's people. To do that, God sent His Son, who paid for all sin by offering Himself as both priest and sacrifice. Although we are all imperfect, knowing that we have been forgiven only by the grace of God, we have the desire to love one another. As we recall our Lord's Passion in the coming weeks, we will recognize that love means forgiving, giving oneself for others. Jesus puts it bluntly in the Gospel: The greatest in the kingdom of God is the one who serves all the others. And, of course, the greatest is our Lord Jesus, who loves us to death.

**HOLY COMMUNION**    The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod believes the Biblical teaching that in communion we receive not the symbolic but the true body and blood of Jesus Christ with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. If you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in the same Biblical teaching, and if you agree with the announcement on our communion card and the confession of our faith, please join us to receive the gifts that Jesus Christ has prepared for us in communion. If you have any questions or uncertainties, please feel free to make an appointment to talk with the pastor during the week before communing with us.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**    Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people        that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Worship Service**

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

## The Ringing of the Bells

## The Wave of Fellowship

### The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### Opening Sentences *Jeremiah 31:31, 33; Mark 10:43–44*

P: The days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant.

**C: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.**

P: And I will be their God,

**C: and they shall be My people.**

P: Whoever would be great among you must be your servant,

**C: and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.**

### Opening Song “Lord, I Need You”

*Vs. 1 Lord, I come, I confess, bowing here, I find my rest. Without You, I fall apart.  
You're the One that guides my heart*

*Chorus: Lord I need You, oh, I need You. Every hour I need You.  
My one defense my righteousness, oh God how I need You.*

*Vs. 2 Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where Grace is found, is where You  
are.*

*Where you are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.*

*Chorus: Lord I need You, oh, I need You. Every hour I need You.  
My one defense my righteousness, oh God how I need You.*

*Bridge: So teach my song to rise to You when temptations come my way. When I cannot  
stand.*

*I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay. Lord I need You, oh, I need You.  
Every hour I need You. My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need you.  
You're my one defense my righteousness, Oh God how I need You.*

*My one defense my righteousness, Oh God, How I need You.*

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## Nicene Creed

### First Lesson

*Jeremiah 31:31–34*

*(A new covenant is coming, written on people's hearts.)*

<p><sup>31</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring</p>	<p>them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD:</p>
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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.

<sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying,

'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

## The Epistle

Hebrews 5:1–10

(Jesus was both one-time priest and sacrifice, dying for all.)

<sup>1</sup>For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. <sup>3</sup>Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son,

today I have begotten you"; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

## Holy Gospel

Mark 10:32–45

(Jesus teaches about true greatness.)

<sup>35</sup>And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to [Jesus] and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

<sup>36</sup>And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup>Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"

<sup>39</sup>And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be

baptized, <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

<sup>41</sup>And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup>And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.

<sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

## Children's Message

### The Song of Instruction "I Can Only Imagine"

I can only imagine what it will be like when I walk by Your side.  
I can only imagine what my eyes will see when Your face is before me.  
I can only imagine.

Surrounded by Your glory, what will my heart feel?  
Will I dance for You, Jesus, or in awe of You be still?

Will I stand in Your presence or to my knees will I fall?  
Will I sing hallelujah? Will I be able to speak at all?  
I can only imagine,  
I can only imagine.

I can only imagine when that day comes and I find myself standing in the Son.  
I can only imagine when all I will do is forever, forever worship You.  
I can only imagine,  
I can only imagine.  
Surrounded by Your glory, what will my heart feel?  
Will I dance for You, Jesus, or in awe of You be still?

Will I stand in Your presence or to my knees will I fall?  
Will I sing hallelujah? Will I be able to speak at all?  
I can only imagine,  
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Words and Music by Bart Millard. CCLI #11440148 and 20162974.

### The Word "New Covenant" Jeremiah 31:31–34

#### WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

**St. Paul's members** have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings. Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

**To our guest:** Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please put your **Welcome Card** in the box at the back of the church.

*Luke 6:38—Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.*

## **Offertory      “The Potter’s Hand”**

Beautiful Lord, wonderful savior, I know for sure, all of my days are held in Your hands  
Crafted into Your perfect plan

You gently call me, into Your presence Guiding me by, Your Holy Spirit  
Teach me dear Lord to live all of my life through Your eyes

I'm captured by, Your Holy calling  
Set me apart I know You're drawing me to Yourself  
Lead me Lord I pray

Take me, Mold me Use me, Fill me I give my life to the Potter's hands  
Call me, Guide me Lead me, Walk beside me, I give my life to the Potter's hand

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## **The Prayer of the Church**

P: For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your Word including; Jeanne Heimgartner, Earl Horlyk, Ryleigh Shine, Jason Marrinan, JD Ferdig, Alicia Behrens, Alyson Cardwell, Jacey Kennedy, Demetria Knutson, Frieda Lehr and Levi Trobaugh. let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Father in heaven, hear our prayer.**

## **Invitation with Confession and Absolution** *Jeremiah 31:34; Hebrews 5:9*

P: Bearing our sins and in need of a Savior, let us go to our heavenly Father, asking for forgiveness.

*(Time for reflection on the word of God and for personal examination.)*

P: Most merciful, heavenly Father, You promised a covenant written on Your people's hearts.

**C: But we do not always rely on Your promises and great love. We are sorry.**

P: Gracious Holy Spirit, through Your use of Word and Sacrament, many people know the Lord.

**C: But we have not taken advantage of every opportunity to share Your Word with others. We are sorry.**

P: Jesus taught that the greatest in the Kingdom is the servant of all.

**C: But our hearts have not always been humble and eager for service. We are sorry.**

**Our thoughts, words, and deeds fall short. As fallen sinners, we are helpless to change. For Jesus' sake, forgive us, and give us new and clean hearts to love You and serve our neighbors.**

P: God promised in the new covenant, "I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." In the sacrifice of Himself, Jesus, being perfect, "became the source of eternal salvation." As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**INVITATIONAL SONG** ("Praise Team):

**He said come to the table**

**Come join the sinners who have been redeemed**

**Take your place beside the Savior now**

**Sit down and be set free**

**Come to the table**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**READING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT CARD FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

(Praise Team will be served communion at this time.)

**DISTRIBUTION "Shout To The Lord"**

My Jesus my Savior Lord there is none like You  
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love  
My comfort my shelter tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath all that I am never cease to worship You  
Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty praise to the King mountains bow down  
And the seas will roar at the sound of Your name  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You (repeat)

Forever I'll love You forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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## The Lord's Prayer

## The Benediction

### The Going Out Song "Nobody Loves Me Like You"

Morning, I see You in the sunrise ev'ry morning. It's like a picture that You've painted for me, a love letter in the sky.

Story, I could've had a really diff'rent story, but You came down from heaven to restore me, forever saved my life.

CHORUS:

Nobody loves me like You love me, Jesus. I stand in awe of Your amazing ways.  
I worship You as long as I am breathing. God, You are faithful and true; Nobody loves me like You.

Mountains, You're breaking down the weight of all my mountains. Even when it feels like I'm surrounded,  
You never leave my side, oh.

[REPEAT CHORUS]

Oh, what a song to sing! Oh, what a song to sing!  
Oh, what a song to sing! Oh, what a song my heart keeps singing!

Oh, what a song to sing! Oh, what a song to sing!  
Oh, what a song to sing! Jesus, You love me, and I love You, God.

Nobody loves me like You love me, Jesus. I stand in awe of Your amazing ways.  
I worship You as long as I am breathing. God, I will worship You, forever worship You.

Nobody loves me like You love me, Jesus. I stand in awe of Your amazing ways.  
I worship You as long as I am breathing. God, You are faithful and true. Nobody loves me like You.

Nobody loves me like You love me, Jesus. I stand in awe of Your amazing ways.  
Nobody loves me like You. Nobody loves me like You.  
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**Worship Services:** Traditional (6 p.m. Saturday & 8:15 a.m. Sunday)  
Contemporary Service (10:45 a.m. Sunday)

**Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.

**Youth & Adult Bible Classes** 9:30 a.m.

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# “New Covenant”

Text: Jeremiah 31:31–34

March 21, 2021

## Verses to Remember:

“I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” Jeremiah 31:33

## Points to Ponder:

1. What is a covenant?

- 
- Treaty, Testament
  - Suzerain-vassal Covenant

2. What is the old covenant?

- Exodus 19-27

3. What is the new covenant?

4. What does this mean?

