

**First Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2021
Preaching today is Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth**

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

A time of silence for reflection.

P: Fountain of living water . . .

C: pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

P: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ☩ forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen.**

Gathering Song -

Verse 1 Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2 King of all days, oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the Earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 3 Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Chorus I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin up on that cross
I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin up on that cross

Chorus

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin up on that cross

Repeat verse 3

Kelsey Joy
"Here I Am To Worship"
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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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading – Genesis 9:8-17

8God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, 10and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. 11I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” 12God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: 13I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, 15I will remember my covenant that is between

me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." 17God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Second Reading - Psalm 25:1-10

1To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**2O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.**

3Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**4Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.**

5Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

**6Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

7Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

**8Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

9He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

**10All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

Gospel - John 6:35-40

35Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. 36But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.

37Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; 38for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me.

39And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

Sermon

Song of the Day - "Your Love is Everlasting"

Verse 1 Since time began, through centuries

God's love is everlasting

To distant unknown galaxies

God's love is everlasting

Splendor springs forth 'cross the land

God's love is everlasting

Abundance, sharing hand in hand

God's love is everlasting

Chorus Your love (your love) is lasting

Your love is everlasting

Your love (your love) is lasting

Your love is everlasting

Verse 2 A mother's womb, a brand new life

God's love is everlasting

An empty tomb, the risen Christ

God's love is everlasting

Weeping may last for the night

God's love is everlasting

But joy breaks forth with morning light

God's love is everlasting

Chorus

Verse 3 Signs of hope, a voice of peace

God's love is everlasting

The prophet's cry for war to cease

God's love is everlasting

For the down and out, for the high and proud

God's love is everlasting

Come all you people shout out loud

God's love is everlasting

Chorus x 4

Kelsey Joy

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Apostles' Creed

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 into hell.*
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.

Rite of Installation

Presentation

P: Having been authorized by the church to install JoHanna Marie Buchholz, our co-worker in the gospel, as pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, I now ask for certification of this call.

R: After prayerful deliberation, we, of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, have called JoHanna Marie Buchholz to serve as a minister of word and sacrament in the position of pastor Our Savior's Lutheran Church. I present Pastor JoHanna and this letter certifying the call.

Address and Questions

The presiding minister addresses the minister of word and sacrament:

A reading from John: Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:21-23)

A reading from Matthew: Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and

of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

A reading from First Timothy: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Timothy 4:12-16)

JoHanna, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me. JoHanna, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church? Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Trusting in God's care, will you love, serve, and pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

C: Amen.

The assembly stands.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, will you receive JoHanna as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard JoHanna as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

Response: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for JoHanna? Will you help and honor JoHanna in carrying out this ministry? In all things, will you strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

Response: We will, and we ask God to help us.

The presiding minister addresses the minister of word and sacrament.

JoHanna, the office of position is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Blessing

P: The God of

peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

From the place of baptism -

R: You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

From the place of the word -

R: You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

From the place of the meal -

R: You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.

To the assembly: People of God, I present to you Pastor JoHanna, your pastor. Let us welcome JoHanna in the name of Christ.

Prayers of the People

P: Relying on

the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need . . .

A brief silence.

In Jesus your realm has come near to us in our ordinary, everyday lives. Open our eyes to see your goodness amongst us; make us ready to receive the nourishment you provide us. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance; teach us to trust always in the good news of your salvation. Direct the words and actions of leaders in our church that they may faithfully proclaim the good news. Direct the words and actions of our community leaders that they may promote a spirit

of cooperation. And credit the words and actions of our national leaders that they may maintain justice for the lowly. As we enter this season of Lent, we remember those who find themselves in wilderness this day. Walk alongside migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands. Tend to those whose lives feel desolate. Give healing and strength to all who suffer. To day we pray especially for Mary, Ella, Claudia, Cha, Stan, Derrel, Janet, and Matt, and all those we name silently in our hearts . . . Meet them in their need.

P: We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

Offering

We give thanks for your continuous giving in support of the ministry of Our Savior's Lutheran. For those worshipping today in-person, there is a basket at the back of the sanctuary where you may leave your offering after the service. Offerings may also be made online at www.oursaviorsdevilslake.org, or mailed to the church office.

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray. Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Words of Institution

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed . . .

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

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**

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Communion

P: This is the body of Christ, broken for you.

P: This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray, God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

P: You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

Sending Song - "10,000 Reasons - Bless the Lord"

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger

Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore
Forevermore

Chorus

Kelsey Joy

"10,000 Reasons"

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Dismissal

P: Go forth in the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God!