

GOD'S GRACE

REVERSES

OUR PLACE



Sunday Series in Lent



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Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:00 & 11:15am March 21, 2021



ROCK OF AGES

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reaching Out in Rim Country with Rock-Solid Hope in Jesus

Welcome! May the message you hear today will fill your heart with the peace and joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.

Our Mission is to share the rock-solid hope of Jesus with today's world through timeless truths found in the Holy Scriptures.

Our Message centers around the forgiveness, freedom, and fellowship we have in Jesus.

Large Print service folders and **hearing assistance** devices are available.

Your pandemic mitigation efforts are encouraged out of respect for all worshipping today. Volunteers are sanitizing touch points between services.

Restrooms are located at the far ends of the entry area.

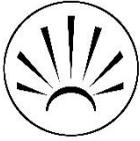
Children's activity bags, quiet toys, and a changing table are available from the nursery in entry area.

We Support the world-wide gospel ministry of the WELS. We'd love to share more with you. Contact our pastor today. You can also visit wels.net



WELS

Christ's Love, Our Calling.



Morning Praise

Morning Praise is based on the historic service called "Matins." Joined to Christ, our risen Lord, we glorify God as we rise to the activities of this new day.

Greeting

Gathering Rite

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Amen.

♪ **Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
Oh, wash me in his precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

♪ **Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
Oh, wash me in his precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,

yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.

But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;

the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

♪ **Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
Oh, wash me in his precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

♪ **Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
Oh, wash me in his precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;

he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
**and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his
mouth.**

By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
**Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land
of the living;**

for the transgression of my people he was punished

♪ **Your gift of love they crucified.
They laughed and scorned him as he died:
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
Oh, wash me in his precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

We look for light,
but all is darkness;

We look for brightness,
but we walk in deep shadows.

For our offenses are many in your sight,
and our sins testify against us.

Our offenses are ever with us,
and we acknowledge our iniquities:

rebellion and treachery against the Lord,
turning our backs on our God,

♪ **I was so lost; I should have died,
But you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God.**

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
Oh, wash me in his precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Upon this, your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. ^{1 John 1:9}

Amen. Thanks be to God!

The true light that gives light to everyone came into the world.

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

But to those believing in his name he gave the right to become children of God. Everything that was written about him in the law, the prophets, and the Psalms proclaim Jesus as God's chosen Savior:

"Look the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!" John 1

♪ **O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
Oh, wash me in his precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

First Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

The Lord is our Redeemer who loves us

But now this is what the LORD says, the LORD who created you, O Jacob, the LORD who formed you, O Israel.

Do not be afraid, because I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.

²When you cross through the waters, I will be with you.

When you cross the rivers, they will not sweep you away.

When you walk through fire, you will not be burned,
and the flame will not set you on fire.

³Because I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior,
I gave Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious and honored in my eyes, and I myself love you,
I will give people in exchange for you, and peoples in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not be afraid, because I am with you.

From the east I will bring your offspring, and from the west I will gather you.

⁶I will say to the north, "Give them back!" and to the south, "Do not hold them."

Bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷everyone who is called by my name, everyone I created for my glory,
everyone I formed, yes, everyone I have made.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 115

Christian Worship Supplement

Refrain



Not un - to us, O Lord, but to your name be the glo - ry.

Psalm Tone



Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness.

Why do the nations say, "Where is their God?"

Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.

The LORD remembers us and will bless us:

He will bless the house of Israel,

he will bless those who fear the LORD—

small and great alike. ***Refrain***

May the LORD make you increase,

both you and your children.

May you be blessed by the LORD,

the Maker of heven and earth.

The highest heavens belong to the LORD,

but the earth he has given to man.

It is not the dead who praise the LORD,

it is we who extol the LORD, both now and forevermore.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen. ***Refrain***

Second Lesson

Hebrews 5:7-10

Jesus, our Great High Priest, is our intercessor.

In the days of his flesh, he offered prayers and pleas with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was the Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. ⁹After he was brought to his goal, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him, ¹⁰because he was designated by God as a high priest, like Melchizedek.

Children's Message

*All children 5th grade and under are invited to come to the front area.
Helpers or parents are welcome to join them.*

Gospel

John 12:20-33

Jesus came to die to put an end to death and the devil.

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Festival. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we want to see Jesus." ²²Philip went to tell Andrew. Andrew came with Philip and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it continues to be one kernel. But if it dies, it produces much grain. ²⁵Anyone who loves his life destroys it. And the one who hates his life in this world will hold on to it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, let him follow me. And where I am, there my servant will be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. ²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, this is the reason I came to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name!" A voice came from heaven: "I have glorified my name, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said it thundered. Others said an angel talked to him. ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice was not for my sake but for yours. ³¹"Now is the judgment of this world. Now the ruler of this world will be thrown out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate what kind of death he was going to die.

Seasonal Response

We all like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

By his wounds we are healed.

Hymn of the Day

Drawn to the Cross
Christian Worship 387

♪ Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in you my life, my rest,
Christ crucified, I come.

2. How well you know my griefs and fears,
Your grace abused, my misspent years;
So now to you with contrite tears,
Christ crucified, I come.

3. Wash me and take away each stain; Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing through your cross and pain, Christ crucified, I come.

4. To pledge my labor willingly, Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me, Christ crucified, I come.

Sermon

Isaiah 43:1-7



God's Grace Reverses Our Place

- Feb. 21 From Losing a Child to Countless In the Family (*Ge 22:1-18*)
Feb. 28 From Possessing Nothing to Possessing Everything (*Ge 28:10-17*)
Mar. 7 From the House of Slaves to Serving the Lord (*Ex 20:1-7*)
Mar. 14 From Grumbling & the Grave to Grateful & Saved (*Nu 21:4-9*)
Mar. 21 **From Scattered & Scorched to Gathered & Adored** (*Is 43:1-7*)
Mar. 28 From Suffering in Prison to Shining in Paradise (*Zec 9:9-17*)

Confession of Faith

God, We Praise You (Te Deum)

Christian Worship 277

♪ **God, we praise you! God, we bless you!**
God, we name you sov'reign Lord!
Mighty King whom angels worship,
Father, by your Church adored:
All creation shows your glory;
Heav'n and earth draw near your throne,
Singing, "Holy, holy, holy,
Lord of hosts and God alone!"

2. True apostles, faithful prophets,
Saints who set their world ablaze,
Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded,
Join one growing song of praise,
While your Church on earth confesses
One majestic Trinity:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
God, our hope eternally.

3. Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
Everlasting Son of God,
Humble was your virgin mother,
Hard the lonely path you trod:
By your cross is sin defeated,
Hell confronted face to face,
Heaven opened to believers,
Sinners justified by grace.

4. Christ, at God's right hand victorious,
You will judge the world you made;
Lord, in mercy help your servants For whose freedom you have paid:
Raise us up from dust to glory; Guard us from all sin today.
King enthroned above all praises, Save your people, God, we pray.

Prayer of the Church

Lent

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Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

We confess that without your love we are lost.

Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.

Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.

Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.

Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. *Silent prayer.*

Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point to death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Offerings Gathered

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Our offerings go to support the gospel ministry of our congregation and our church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. You are invited to place your offering on the table by the entryway on your way in or as you exit.

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*



M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



C: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Blessing

2 Cor. 13:14

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

Amen.

Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Christian Worship 345

Stanzas 1 by duet or group

♪ In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.

**2. When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

**3. When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.**

**4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.**

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember with Prayer

- Thanks to God for the great love which he has for us; that he would use our lives and our love to bring many more to hear of his gospel this holy week and Easter season.
- The Popelier's great niece's family gives thanks that she is recovering quickly and has fully restored health; thanks to God.

Attendance

03/10 Midweek Lent: 26
03/11 Midweek Bible Class: 7
03/11 Starting Point Class: 6
03/14 Sunday Worship: 51
03/14 Sunday Bible Class: 17
03/14 Children's Bible Class: 7
03/17 Confirmation Class: 2

Received in February \$13,002.82 (to date)

Received in March \$8,911.40 (as of March 15)

One by One

Join us Sundays 10:05 am for a viewing and discussion of a presentation by one of Pastor Barthel's seminary classmates, a former detective now serving as a pastor in Florida. He shares the importance of personal evangelism.

Acknowledgments

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CALENDAR

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Sunday, March 21 *Lent 5*

9:00am Service
10:05am Bible Study
11:15am Service
12:30pm Youth Confirmation Class

Tuesday, March 23

3:45pm Youth Discipleship Group

Wednesday, March 24

4:30pm Youth Confirmation Class
6:00pm Midweek Lent Service

Thursday, March 25

9:00am Pastors Circuit meeting at Cornville

Sunday, March 28 *Palm Sunday*

9:00am Service with Lord's Supper
10:05am Bible Study
11:15am Service with Lord's Supper

Thursday, April 1 *Maundy Thursday*

6:00pm Service with Lord's Supper

Friday, April 2 *Good Friday*

6:00pm Good Friday Service

Serving This Week

Flowers, Communion Setup: Grace Popelier
Music: Keyboard, Jeni Strickland; 4 For Christ;
Presiding Minister: Tom Barthel
Ushers: Creig Solomon, Jerry Zuvich

Memorial Service for Barbara Miller

will be scheduled in April. Date is still pending based on the family's schedule.



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