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Fourth Sunday in Lent

12:00pm & 1:00pm March 22, 2020

At home option:

[click here](#) on the pdf file for a phone-screen friendly version of this service

Welcome to our guests!

- May the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace which only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.



Take Care & Be Fed Here



- ✓ During this time of precaution against the spread of COVID-19 we encourage family units to sit together but to keep 6 feet of space between other persons. Try to avoid shared touch points such as doorknobs etc.
- ✓ We will be gathering in smaller groups. If we find we need to reduce our numbers further, we may also add a 3pm service next week.
- ✓ If you would feel it wise to stay home for a time, please let pastor know and he will be glad to help you with finding appropriate at-home worship resources.

Be Fed at Home

- ✓ Each week's order of service and sermon message (video, audio, & printout) will be posted at RockOfAges-Payson.com
- ✓ Many WELS ministries live stream their services on Sundays. Find one at <https://yearbook.wels.net/streaming>
- ✓ Download each Sunday's service at Rock of Ages on Saturday night or on Sunday morning to hold an in-home service with your family. The Church is not a building, but the people. And Jesus promises his loving presences whenever any number gathers, "Wherever two or three gather together in my name there I am with them." (Mt 18:20)

- Large print service folders and assisted hearing devices are available from an usher. Children's activity bags are available in the nursery in the entry area.
- Restrooms are located at the far ends of the entry area. Please leave the doors propped open enough so that you can open them with your foot.
- Parents are welcome to make use of the nursery in entry area. A changing table, a few supplies, and activity bags are all available there.
- Regular Bible classes will resume after cautionary measures are lifted. Email pastor to find out about our online Bible study group this week.
- If you are new here, we'd be honored if you'd sign our guest registry in the entry area.
- We are part of a world-wide Christian ministry and support the gospel ministry of the WELS. We'd love to share more with you. You can also visit wels.net





Midday Meditation

WITH THE LORD'S SUPPER

Responses

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.

"Peace, peace, to those far and near," says the LORD. "Peace to this house."

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

The LORD gives strength to his people;

the LORD blesses his people with peace.

Hymn

[Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now](#)

Christian Worship 230

At home options: for each hymn you may click on the title in the pdf file. It will open a link to play the audio. You may also want to just speak the words instead.

♪ **Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;**

Our hearts in true devotion bow.

Your Spirit send with grace divine,

And let your truth within us shine.

Unseal our lips to sing your praise;

Our souls to you in worship raise.

Make strong our faith; increase our light

That we may know your name aright

Glory to God the Father, Son,

And Holy Spirit, Three in One!

To you, O blessed Trinity,

Be praise throughout eternity!

Confession & Absolution

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered

Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

According to your promises in Jesus Christ.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

God our merciful Father, has forgiven all your sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilty by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 37:1-11

The sinful old-self divides even the closest earthly ties with its jealousy and hate.

Jacob lived in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan.² These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors.⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.

⁵ Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more.⁶ He said to them, "Hear this dream that I have dreamed:⁷ Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright. And behold, your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf."⁸ His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Or are you indeed to rule over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

⁹ Then he dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers and said, "Behold, I have dreamed another dream. Behold, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me."¹⁰ But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow ourselves to the ground before you?"¹¹ And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 42

As a deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and appear before God?

My tears have been my food day and night,
while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"

These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:
how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God

with glad shouts and songs of praise,
a multitude keeping festival.

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.

My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you

from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.

Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls;
all your breakers and your waves have gone over me.

By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me?"

Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"

As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

**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.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:1-10

Paul contrast the sinful flesh mind-set with the new spiritual mind-set of believers.

So then, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. ³ Indeed, what the law was unable to do, because it was weakened by the flesh, God did, when he sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to deal with sin. God condemned sin in his flesh, ⁴ so that the righteous decree of the law would be fully satisfied in us who are not walking according to the flesh, but according to the spirit.

⁵ To be sure, those who are in harmony with the sinful flesh think about things the way the sinful flesh does, and those in harmony with the spirit think about things the way the spirit does. ⁶ Now, the way the sinful flesh thinks results in death, but the way the spirit thinks results in life and peace. ⁷ For the mind-set of the sinful flesh is hostile to God, since it does not submit to God's law, and in fact, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the sinful flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the sinful flesh but in the spirit, if indeed God's Spirit lives in you. And if someone does not have the Spirit of Christ, that person does not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, but your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

Children's Message

Please share the name and email of a friend who might like to receive spiritual encouragement pictures from the Rock of Ages children this week.

Gospel

Matthew 20:17-28

Jesus gave his life for us. As ransomed people we live new life of selfless service.

As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside; and on the way he said to them, ¹⁸“Look, we are going up to Jerusalem. The Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and experts in the law, and they will condemn him to death. ¹⁹They will hand him over to the Gentiles to mock, flog, and crucify him. On the third day he will be raised.”

²⁰Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to him with her sons, kneeling and asking something of him. ²¹He said to her, “What do you want?”

She said to him, “Promise that in your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit, one on your right hand and one on your left hand.”

²²But Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?”

They said to him, “We are.”

²³He said to them, “You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not for me to give; rather these places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father.”

²⁴When the ten heard this, they were angry with the two brothers.

²⁵But Jesus summoned them and said, “You know that the rulers of the nations lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶It will not be that way among you. Instead whoever wants to become great among you will be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wants to be first among you will be your slave— ²⁸just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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

Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

Christian Worship 376:1-3

1 Jesus, your blood and righteousness

My beauty are, my glorious dress;

**Mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.**

**2 Bold shall I stand in that great day--
Who can a word against me say?
Fully through you absolved I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**

**3 Lord, I believe your precious blood,
Which at the very throne of God
Forever will for sinners plead,
For me -- e'en for my soul -- was shed.**

Sermon

Romans 8:1-10

At home option: the Sermon text will be at RockofAge-Payson.com/sermons each Sunday morning for you to read.

Video and audio versions will all be posted later each Sunday.

C O N T R A S T

**LENTEN EPISTLE
WORSHIP SERIES**



Contrasts of...

- Mar. 1 – Ro. 5:12-19.....Adam and Christ
- Mar. 8 – Ro. 4:1-5,13-17 Works and Faith
- Mar. 15 – Eph. 5:8-14 Darkness and Light
- Mar. 22 – Ro. 8:1-10..... **Old Self and New Self**
- Mar. 29 – Ro. 8:11-19..... Death and Life
- April 5 – Ph. 2:5-11..... Exaltation and Humility

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

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.

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.

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 national church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

Today our offerings will be gathered at the door on your way out.

At home option: If you are worshipping at home for a time due to precautions against the spread of illness please remember to support our ministry. Offerings can be mailed to Rock of Ages Lutheran 204 W. Airport Rd. Payson, AZ 85541

THE SACRAMENT

At home options: If holding an at-home service you may conclude with the Midday Prayer, Blessing, and Closing Hymn below.

The congregation is gathering Sundays at 12:00pm & 1:00pm with the Lord's Supper. Pastor would be glad to schedule a private communion with any member at home or at church.

Distribution

Your pastor will take extra care in setup and distribution to avoid spreading illness. Our practice will also limit shared touch points and close contact with others at the table.

The Lord's Supper will be distributed today using continuous flow. Each communicant is invited to come forward when ready, spacing 6 feet from the person ahead of you. The presiding minister will drop the bread in your palm and at his direction you will pick up one of the cups of wine from the tray (which is dispersed to avoid touching other cups). Then after walking a few paces to either side of the front area you may pause for a few seconds to eat and drink while facing the altar before continuing back down the side to return to your seat.

The minister leads the congregation in spoken responses and prayers then speaks the words of institution. After all have returned to their seats a blessing in spoken. Those who wish to commune from their seat can do so by request.

Midday Prayer

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms. Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies' sake.

Amen.

Blessing

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.

The Lord be with you.

Blessing, honor, thanksgiving, and praise, more than we can utter or understand, be to you, O holy and glorious Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, by all angels, all mankind, and all creatures, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

Christian Worship 376:4-6

**4 Lord, I believe were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
You have for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.**

**5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
E'en then this shall be all my plea:
Jesus has lived and died for me.**

**6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
Your boundless mercy has for me,
For me and all your hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.**

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember with Prayer

- All those shut-ins of the congregation who are isolated from contact to all friends and family members due to safety lock-down measures in their place of living; (Peggy Bishop, Glenora Hintze, Jim Strong, Chuck Tyrell) that they would remain encouraged and continue with us in spirit and heart as we turn to our Savior for strength, hope, and joy.
- Tom and Sandy Spiegelberg; thanks to God for the support and encouragement they provided while with us at Rock of Ages; that God bless their move to Cody, WY.
- Klaus Wandel, who has an injury to his ankle; that God give healing and strength.
- All those in our community who serve during this uncertain time; that God keep them safe from illness and bless their efforts.
- All those who are fearful, afflicted, or lonely at this time; that the certain truth of the gospel would comfort them always.

Serving This Week

Flowers: Della Kary

Music: Keyboard, Jeni Strickland;

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Barthel

Ushers: Mario Ascoli, Ernie Meeske

Ushers: Creig Solomon, Jerry Zuvich

Attendance

3/15 Sunday Worship: 44

3/15 Youth & Adult Bible Class: 25

3/18 Midweek Lent: 12

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CALENDAR

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There are many fluid changes to our calendar. Please visit the website for the latest updates. You can plan on Sunday worship at 12:00pm and 1:00pm until you hear otherwise.

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