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To Endure Hardships



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*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
9:00 & 11:15am February 7, 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.

Social Distancing is 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.



Service of the Word

This service focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

Greeting

Hymn

I Lay My Sins On Jesus
Christian Worship 372

♪ I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
White in his blood most precious Till not a spot remains.

2. I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in him.
He heals all my diseases; My soul he does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.

3. I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine.
His right hand me embraces; I in his arms recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

4. I long to be like Jesus: Meek, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be like Jesus, The Father's holy child.
I long to be with Jesus Amid the heav'nly throng
To sing with saints his praises, To learn the angels' song.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession & Absolution

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Response of Praise

We Will Glorify

**♪ We will glorify the King of kings We will glorify the Lamb
We will glorify the Lord of lords Who is the great I am**

**Oh, hallelujah to the King of kings Hallelujah to the Lamb
Hallelujah to the Lord of Lords Who is the great I am**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 40:27-31

The Lord renews the strength of all who trust in him.

Why do you speak, O Jacob? O Israel, why do you say, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and justice for me is ignored by my God"? ²⁸Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the eternal God. He is the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired, and he will not become weary. No one can find a limit to his understanding. ²⁹He is the one who gives strength to the weak, and he increases the strength of those who lack power. ³⁰Young men grow tired and become weary. Even strong men stumble and fall. ³¹But those who wait for the LORD will receive new strength. They will lift up their wings and soar like eagles. They will run and not become weary. They will walk and not become tired.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 103

Reading with Christian Worship Hymn 451

Bless the LORD, O my soul. All that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—³who pardons all your guilt, who heals all your diseases, ⁴who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with mercy and compassion, ⁵who satisfies your life with goodness, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle.

**♪ Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.**

The LORD performs righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. ⁷He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel. ⁸The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in mercy. ⁹He will not always accuse. He will not keep his anger forever. ¹⁰He does not treat us as our sins deserve. He does not repay us according to our guilty deeds. ¹¹Yes, as high as the heavens are above the earth, so powerful is his mercy toward those who fear him. ¹²As distant as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our rebellious acts from us.

**♪ When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call;
Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.**

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him. ¹⁴For he knows how we were formed. He remembers that we are dust. ¹⁵As for man, his days are like grass. Like a wildflower he blossoms. ¹⁶Then the wind blows over it, and it is gone, and its place recognizes it no more. ¹⁷But the LORD's mercy is from eternity to eternity over those who fear him, and his righteousness is with their children's children, ¹⁸ with those who keep his covenant, with those who remember his precepts in order to obey them.

**♪ When the darkness appears
And the night draws near
And the day is almost gone,
At the river I stand;
Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.**

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his royal power rules over all. ²⁰Bless the LORD, you his angels, you strong warriors who obey his word by listening to what he says. ²¹Bless the LORD, all his armies, you who minister to him, you who do whatever pleases him. ²²Bless the LORD, everything he has made in all places where he rules. Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Second Lesson

1 Peter 5:6-11

Our powerful God will strengthen us and lift us up from all our sufferings.

Therefore humble yourselves under God's powerful hand so that he may lift you up at the appointed time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Have sound judgment. Be alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him by being firm in the faith. You know that the same kinds of sufferings are being laid on your brotherhood all over the world.

¹⁰After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you. ¹¹To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

Verse of the Day

(John 8:12)

Christian Worship 69:4

♪ **Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be thine!**

Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

Jesus found strength as he turned in prayer to the Father.

They left the synagogue and went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰Simon's mother-in-law was lying in bed, sick with a fever. Without delay they told Jesus about her. ³¹He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening, when the sun had set, the people kept bringing to him all who were sick and demon-possessed. ³³The whole town gathered at the door. ³⁴He healed many people who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. But he did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew who he was.

³⁵Jesus got up early in the morning, while it was still dark, and went out. He withdrew to a solitary place and was praying there. ³⁶Simon and his companions searched for him, ³⁷and, when they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is looking for you!"

³⁸He told them, "Let's go somewhere else, to the neighboring villages, so that I can preach there too. In fact, that is why I have come." ³⁹Then he went throughout the whole region of Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

After the gospel reading:

The words and works of our King!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

Sung by the children

♪ Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow you.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Carry me and see me through.

Chorus:

*I have called to, "Daddy-Father!"
From my sins you set me free;
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather,
All must work for good to me.*

2. Go, then, earthly fame and treasure!
Come, disaster, scorn and pain!
In your service, pain is pleasure;
With your favor, loss is gain. *Chorus*

Sung by all

**3. Hasten on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer,
Heaven's eternal days before me,
God's own hand shall guide me there. *Chorus***

Sermon

1 Peter 5:6-11

The Servant of the Lord is Called

Jan. 10 ...to Bring Salvation	<i>(Isaiah 49:1-6)</i>
Jan. 17 ...to Hold to Scripture	<i>(2 Thess.2:13-17)</i>
Jan. 24 ...to Restore Peace	<i>(2 Cor. 5:14-21)</i>
Jan. 31 ...to Confess Christ	<i>(Heb 3:1-6)</i>
Feb. 07... to Endure Hardships	<i>(1 Peter 5:6-11)</i>
Feb. 14...To Shine in Darkness	<i>(2 Cor 4:3-6)</i>

Series for the Epiphany Season



Confession of Faith

"We Believe"
Sung by 4 For Christ

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 (WELS). Today's offering can be placed on the entry table as you enter or exit.

Prayer of the Church

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Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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.

Closing Prayer

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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

Christian Worship 373:1,3,5

♪ **O Jesus, King most wonderful, O Majesty renowned,
O Conqueror invincible, In whom all joys are found,**

**3. O Jesus, Light of all below, O Fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire,**

**5. Oh, may our tongues forever bless And honor you alone,
And may we in our lives express The image of your own!**

2021 Sundays in Lent

GOD'S GRACE REVERSES OUR PLACE



Feb. 21 (Lent 1)

From Losing a Child to Countless In the Family

(Ge 22:1-18)



Feb. 28 (Lent 2)

From Possessing Nothing to Possessing Everything

(Ge 28:10-17)



Mar. 7 (Lent 3)

From the House of Slaves to Serving the Lord

(Exodus 20:1-7)



Mar. 14 (Lent 4)

From Grumbling & the Grave to Grateful & Saved

(Nu 21:4-9)



Mar. 21 (Lent 5)

From Scattered & Scorched to Gathered & Adored

(Isaiah 43:1-7)



Mar. 28 (Palm Sun.)

From Suffering in Prison to Shining in Paradise

(Zec 9:9-17)

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember with Prayer

- Joan Williams, who was hospitalized last week for near kidney failure; thanks to God that she is now resting back at home; that he provides her with strength and his abiding peace.
- All who grieve the loss of Jauketa and Alice, two close friends of Kevin & Marsha Wentz; that God comforts them.

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Attendance

01/27 Confirmation Class: 2
01/28 Midweek Bible Class: 9
01/31 Sunday Worship: 41
01/31 Sunday Bible Class: 11

Sunday Bible Study

Join us in February for a study on "The Millennium" This study will not be posted online, but booklets are available for anyone interested.

Midweek Bible Study

Join us in-person Thursdays at 9am. We are currently going through "Lessons from the Kings." Livestreamed on our Facebook page. The videos are also posted on our website.

Midweek Lent

6pm Services "Six Parts of the Catechism"

- Ash Wed. (Feb 17) – Ministry of the Keys
- Midweek 1 (Feb 24)- Ten Commandments
- Midweek 2 (March 3) – The Creed
- Midweek 3 (March 10) – The Lord's Prayer
- Midweek 4 (March 17) – Holy Baptism
- Midweek 5 (March 24) –Holy Communion

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CALENDAR

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Sunday, February 7 Epiphany 5

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

Tuesday, February 9

3:45pm Youth Discipleship Group

Thursday, February 11

9:00am Midweek Bible Class
10:00am Starting Point Class

Sunday, February 14 Transfiguration

9:00 & 11:15m Service with Lord's Supper
10:05am Bible Study
12:30pm Youth Confirmation Class

Monday, February 15

6:00pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 17 Ash Wednesday

1:00pm Mary Martha meeting
6:00pm Ash Wed. Service

Thursday, February 18

9:00am Midweek Bible Class
10:00am Starting Point Class

Serving This Week

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



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