

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, April 7, 2019



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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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HYMN "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"..... LSB 909 Δ

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In humility and faith, let us come before the Lord, counting everything as loss for the sake of knowing Christ Jesus, our Lord.

C: We count all things as rubbish, in order that we may gain Christ and be found in Him.

P: If righteousness before God were to depend on our obedience of the Law, we would all be lost and condemned forever.

C: But our righteousness depends on faith alone; therefore, we trust in Christ, who suffered, died, and rose again for us.

P: Confident in the work of our Savior, we confess our sins to God our Father.

(Silence for reflection and confession)

P: Father in heaven, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Father in heaven, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

P: Forget what lies behind! Strain toward what lies ahead!

C: We press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus!

INTROIT

Psalm 3:3–6; antiphon: v. 8

P: Salvation belongs to the LORD; Your blessing be on Your people!

C: But You, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.

P: I cried aloud to the LORD, and He answered me from His holy hill.

C: I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.

P: I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.

C: 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.

P: Salvation belongs to the LORD; Your blessing be on Your people!

KYRIE

P: O Lord,

C: have mercy.

P: O Christ,

C: have mercy.

P: O Lord,

C: have mercy. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may find our joy in You alone and evermore praise You 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.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:16–21

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸ "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹ Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild beasts will honor Me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to My chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for Myself that they might declare My praise.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 3:8–14

⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — ¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 20:9–20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹ And Jesus began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰ When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹² And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³ Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴ But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵ And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” ¹⁷ But He looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written: ‘The stone that the builders

rejected has become the cornerstone'? 18 Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." 19 The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on Him at that very hour, for they perceived that He had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. 20 So they watched Him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch Him in something He said, so as to deliver Him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "The Message of the Cross" Tune: *LSB 856*

**The message of the cross
Is foolishness to those
Slow to embrace God's saving grace,
And thus remain God's foes.
True wisdom they reject,
Though worldly wise and great;
For them is lost the bloody cost
Christ paid to change their fate.**

**The wisdom of the world
God turned to foolishness,
Christ through the cross erased our loss,
Proclaims His saving grace.
"Christ crucified" is preached,
A stumbling block to some,
And foolishness to those remiss
To heed God's call to come.**

**The wisdom of our God
Is seen in Jesus Christ;
In mortal strife He gave His life,
All this He sacrificed.
Behold the pow'r of God
At work through Christ our Lord,
From foolish things through grace He brings
What no one could afford.**

Through God's wise plan for us
Christ Jesus has become
Our righteousness and holiness,
Redemption's cornerstone.
Therefore let no one boast
Of things that they have done.
Let him who boasts before God's hosts
Boast in the Lord, God's Son.

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SERMON

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to joyfully lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant us Your joy.

P: Grant that Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to come to know You by faith and find their righteousness in Jesus Christ, Your Son, that the number of Christians be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant us Your joy.

P: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend . . . and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant us Your joy.

P: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs, rejoicing always in Your fatherly care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant us Your joy.

P: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts be at peace and rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant us Your joy.

P: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil as he seeks to rob us of our joy and confidence in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant us Your joy.

P: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant us Your joy.

P: We joyfully trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS **LSB 798**

**The God who reigns on high
The great archangels sing,
And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry,
"Almighty King!
Who was and is the same
And evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Father, great I AM!
We worship Thee!"**

The whole triumphant host
Give thanks to God on high.
“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!”
They ever cry.
Hail, Abr’ham’s God and mine!
I join the heav’nly lays:
All might and majesty are Thine
And endless praise!

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Grant us Your Spirit of joy, gracious Father, that we give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember with joy and thanksgiving the boundless love manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive His body and blood as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE 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.

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI LSB 451

Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost:
Christ, the Rock of our salvation,
Is the name of which we boast;
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Him their hope have built.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LSB 450

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us peace

and a renewal of joy in this Sacrament. By Your Holy Spirit, always rule our hearts and minds that we be enabled constantly to rejoice in You as we strive toward the finish line of faith, where we will behold You in glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: Rejoice in the Lord always;

C: again I will say, Rejoice.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN “Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”LSB 565 vs. 1,3,4

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THIS WEEK AT CLC — (4/7/19 – 4/14/19)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am

Tuesday: Board of Ed, 5:00pm; Council, 6:30pm

Wednesday: Bible Study, 8:30am; Board of Evangelism, 9:30am; 2nd year Confirmation, 5:00pm; 1st year Confirmation, 6:00pm

Thursday: Bethesda Work Day, 1:00pm; Lenten Worship/HC, 6:30pm

Palm Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (Week ending March 31, 2019)

General & Building Funds: \$6156.00; Blessings: \$11.70

Attendance: Thursday: 51; Sunday: 122

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS AND VISITORS: We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Rev. Michael Salemink, will be speaking at St. John's, Easton, Sunday evening, May 5. See the bulletin board in the fellowship hall for more details.

HOLY WEEK SERVICE TIMES: Maundy Thursday, 6:30pm. Good Friday, 1:00pm & 6:30pm. Easter, 6:30am & 9:00am

Thank you to all who gave blood during last week's **BLOOD DRIVE**. Lives are being saved by your generosity.

A big thank you to the ladies who have helped turn a bag of squares into a quilt top. More are available in our closet downstairs. The past year we made quilts for LWR, Bethesda clients, Orphan Grain Train, and baby quilts for the Women's Shelter. We also do rolled bandages for Global Health Ministries. We meet the third Wednesday of the month from 9:30-3:00. We break for lunch and devotions. Anyone is welcome to come even if it is only for an hour. An extra pair of hands makes a difference. Questions: contact Jean 715-203-6339

THE HOPE LIFE CENTER 2019 BANQUET will be held in Wausau on Monday, April 29th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Rib Mountain. This year we will be offering two options, an 11:30am lunch or a 6:00pm dinner. Our keynote speaker will be Kurt Dillinger, executive director of LIFE International located in Grand Rapids, Michigan. See Sandi Michaelis if you are planning on attending.

APRIL HUMAN CARE DONATIONS will be going to Children's Service Society.

"LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life

"Jesus came to save us, to show love to us; He came because He is pro-life, pro-eternal life, and He came to give eternal life to you, to me, to those children unwanted by anyone else, to those mothers who have fallen into sin, to the disabled and elderly forgotten by everyone else. Jesus came for you, not to condemn you, but to save you. He came to destroy death with all of its power over us, and His Easter victory, which we will celebrate very soon, is a day of life, eternal life, for all." Rev. Christopher Maronde, pastor of Saint John Lutheran Church, Decatur, Indiana – (www.lutheransforlife.org)