

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023



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PROPHECY!

PRESERVICE MUSIC “Cornerstone” & “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” (arr. Hayes)

A Reminder: Please be respectful to our brothers and sisters who use the time prior to worship for quiet meditation on God's Word. - Thank you

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

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.

REFRAIN

So 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

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 **REFRAIN**

BRIDGE

And I’ll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross (2X) **REFRAIN**

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MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. *Luke 19:10*

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: v. 15

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the LORD:

“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!” For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

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.

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HOW DEEP THE FATHER' LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us? How vast beyond all measure?

That He should give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away

As wounds which mar the chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.

Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there, until it was accomplished.

His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.

But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.

But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

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But this I know with all my heart. His wounds have paid my ransom.

His wounds have paid my ransom.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 be governed and preserved evermore 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

Ezekiel 37:1–14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, can these

bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know."⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD."⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them.⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live."¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.'¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel.¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people.¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 8:1–11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:1–45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill.³So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill."⁴But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.⁶So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?"⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him."

¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." ¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." ²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

KING OF KINGS

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

REFRAIN

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering
You saw to the other side

Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake you died **REFRAIN**

And the morning that You rose All of Heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come To the Father are restored

And the church of Christ was born Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His name In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me **REFRAIN**

ENDING Praise forever to the King of Kings
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SERMON "Prophecy!" John 11:1-45

CREED Early Service – Apostles' Creed Late Service – Nicene Creed
(Creed can be found in the back of the hymnal and on the screens)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

P Let us pray to the Lord,

C **Lord have mercy.**

At the end of the prayer:

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

LSB 208

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.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 208

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

For guests and visitors, we invite you to please read our statement regarding the Lord's Supper on the inside cover of your bulletin.

550 LAMB OF GOD

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

REFRAIN

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

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. **REFRAIN**

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. **REFRAIN**

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LORD, I NEED YOU

*Solo - Lord, I come, I confess, bowing here I find my rest.
Without You, I fall apart, You're the One that guides my heart.*

CHORUS

Lord, I need You, oh I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found, is where You are.
Where You are, Lord I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. **CHORUS**

BRIDGE – Solo

*So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way.
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You;
Jesus You're my hope and stay. **CHORUS 2X***

ENDING

You're my one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.
Solo – My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God how I need You.

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THE WONDERFUL CROSS

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

REFRAIN

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross; All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all. **REFRAIN**

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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.

CORNERSTONE

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly trust in Jesus' name. **2X**

CHORUS

Christ alone; Cornerstone Weak made strong; in the Savior's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.

My anchor holds within the veil. **CHORUS 2X**

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,

Faultless to stand before the throne. **CHORUS 2X**

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Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

Invocation In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit (found on front page)

Catechism Review (found on front page)

Meditation: Portals of Prayer, www.lhm.org/dailydevotions, Other

Daily Scripture Readings

- Sunday: Exodus 1:1-22; Mark 14:12-31
- Monday: Exodus 2:1-22; Mark 14:32-52
- Tuesday: Exodus 2:23-3:22; Mark 14:53-72
- Wednesday: Exodus 4:1-18; Mark 15:1-15
- Thursday: Exodus 4:19-31; Mark 15:16-32
- Friday: Exodus 5:1-6:1; Mark 15:33-47
- Saturday: Exodus 7:1-25; Mark 16:1-20

In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)

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| Herb, health issues | William, a child with leukemia |
| Kathy, cancer | Carla, surgery |
| Diane, recovery | Pierce, an infant with leukemia |
| Jack, ongoing health issues | Georgia, recovery |
| Lauren’s mother, Phyllis | Margo, health issues |
| Shirley, health issues | Jim, health issues |
| Don, health issues | Blake |
| Georgia, recovery | Nate, cancer |
| Jim, cancer | Jim, Parkinson’s |
| Tom, cancer | Steve, Guillain-Barre Syndrome |
| Lauren, cancer | Barb, Healing |
| Judi and Don | Rick, cancer |
| Mike’s mother - Jean, health issues | Jean, recovery |
| Floyd, health issues | Lisa, health issues |
| Jerry and Jean Haselhuhn 65 th Wedding Anniversary | Krystal, healing |
| Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke’s with medical issues | |

For those who mourn the evil in our world, that God’s comfort and peace may point them to the hope of the resurrection.

For those with hearts where evil dwells, that God’s kingdom would come and rule over their life.

ur Savior Families: Stephen & Marge, Robert & Carol, Robert, Justin & Family, Robert & Rhonda

Hymn of the Week “O Love How Deep” LSB 544

Collect (found on front page)

Apostles’ Creed, Lord’s Prayer, Benediction