



# St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent  
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## ✠ WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY ✠

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & GREETING

*Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card*

### OPENING PRAYER & INVOCATION

**P** We gather in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

### HYMN: “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

LSB 440

5 If my sins give me a - larm And my con - science grieve me,  
Let Your cross my fear dis - arm; Peace of con - science give me.  
Help me see for - give - ness won By Your ho - ly pas - sion.  
If for me He slays His Son, God must have com - pas - sion!

### RESPONSIVE READING

- P** Jesus said, “Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them
- C** will be like a wise man who built his house on a rock.”
- P** The rain fell. The floods came.
- C** The winds blew and beat on that house.
- P** But it did not fall.
- C** It had been built on the rock.
- P** A firm foundation.
- C** Unshakeable and immovable. Solid and strong.
- P** Lord, build us up on the rock of your Word.
- C** Your Word stands forever a firm foundation, unshakeable, immovable, solid and strong.

## HYMN: "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

LSB 440



6 Gra - cious - ly my faith re - new; Help me bear my cross - es,  
Learn - ing hum - ble - ness from You, Peace mid pain and loss - es.  
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,  
That I may in heav'n a - bove Sing Your praise for - ev - er.

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

- P** When we trust in ourselves, our foundation is faulty and our spiritual ground is shaky. But when we confess our sins, God restores our foundation and builds us up to his glory.
- C** **Most merciful God, we are too much like the foolish man who built his house on the sand. We are sinful in thought, word and deed, by what we do and by what we fail to do. We are sinful from birth and are filled with evil. As a result, when the storms of life blow up, we are easily hurt and destroyed by them. We fail to build our spiritual lives on the firm foundation of your Word. Forgive us and renew us so that we are built up for our spiritual good and for your glory.**
- P** In his great grace, God our Father picks up the pieces of our lives and fully forgives us because of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus our Savior. He establishes us on the foundation of his love and makes us firm in faith. Therefore, I declare to you that all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

## HYMN: "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

LSB 422



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,  
That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Nev - er may Your work e - rase;  
Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray,

**C** **O Lord, I have again come to worship in Your presence and receive the gift of forgiveness of all my sins. Help me hear, through Your Word, the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ for me and all people. May Your Word pass from my ear to my heart, from my heart to my lips, and from my lips to the ears of others, so that it may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Soaring Singers – 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Grade - St John School  
*Here I Am, Lord*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 51:1-3*

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*1 Corinthians 3:10-15*

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— each one’s work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 7:24-27*

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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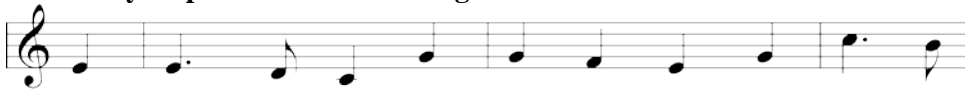
**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.**

**HYMN: “My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”**

LSB 575



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'  
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on  
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.  
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**TEACHING FROM GOD'S WORD**

*Build On Rock*

**OFFERING**

*Using our God-given resources to connect people to Jesus.*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Lord Jesus, when the storms of life tear us down, build us back up in you. When our sin tears down another person, forgive us so that we are built back up in you. When it seems impossible to put back together the pieces of our lives, build us back up in you. When storms tear us down,

**C** build us back up on the foundation of your firm Word.

**P** Lord Jesus, your church is the place where you give gifts that build up rather than tear down. Draw us to you week in and week out so we are strong to face any adversity that may come our way. When storms tear us down,

**C** build us back up on the foundation of your firm Word.

**P** Lord Jesus, we live in a sinful world and sometimes governments tear down rather than build up. Please provide leaders in our world and in our nation that provide help and protection for the poor, the needy and the oppressed. Use the structure of governments everywhere to provide resources that lay a firm foundation for peaceful life in this world. When storms tear us down,

**C** build us back up on the foundation of your firm Word.

**P** Lord Jesus, sometimes our bodies are torn down by the impact of sickness and disease. It is at those times that we need you to strengthen us and bring back the foundation of good health for our bodies. According to your will, bring health and healing to all those we know who have been torn down by illness. When storms tear us down,

**C** build us back up on the foundation of your firm Word.

**P** Lord Jesus, the ultimate destroyer is death. But you have provided a way to life everlasting. When our bodies die, you give us new and eternal life. Thank you for the life and witness of the faithful Christians who have gone before us. Make their lives a witness and testimony to your amazing love. When storms tear us down,

**C** build us back up on the foundation of your firm Word.

**P** Into your hands, Lord Jesus, we place all of our needs, knowing that you use your Word to reconstruct us and build us up for our good and for your glory.

**C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**C** 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.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The God of all grace, who is your rock-solid foundation for this life and for eternity, grant you his perfect peace. Rejoice and be glad! In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## HYMN: "Built On The Rock"

*LSB 645*



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His  
4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how  
5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the

stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in  
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's  
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing

ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -  
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives  
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -

ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,  
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim  
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.

But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,  
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,  
 You, not the world, My face shall see.

Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.  
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.  
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & POSTLUDE

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**Main Points:**

**Bible Passages:**

**What can I apply to my life?**

We recognize that we build our lives on very shaky foundations, and then we are surprised when things start collapsing. Jesus reminds us in his teachings that the only solid foundation is Himself, the Rock of our salvation. On Him alone we build.

- Are you facing any “storms” in your life right now? How do you see God’s work in the middle of the storm?
- Sometimes being challenged in life can help us evaluate our foundations. Are there things you may be relying on that are not a firm foundation?
- Read Ephesian 2:19-22. Paul uses the image of a building to remind us we work together – how can you “build up” someone this week and encourage them that in Christ we all have a firm foundation?



## Holy Week at St John

**Palm Sunday** – April 14, 9:00 AM

**Maundy Thursday** - April 18, 7:00 PM

**Good Friday** – April 19, 7:00 PM

**Easter Sunday** – April 21, 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Breakfast at 9:00 am

(freewill offering for Youth Gathering Trip)

### SERVING TODAY/NEXT WEEK

<b>Liturgist/Preacher:</b>	Rev. Michael Borgstede	<b>Organist:</b> Doreen Sutherland
<b>Elders for April:</b>	John Licht, Andrew Johnston	
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Gavin Griffin	<b>Next Sunday:</b> Luke Sutherland
<b>Reader:</b>	St. John Youth	<b>Next Sunday:</b> Jim Oliver
<b>Counting Team:</b>	Chad Cornell, Donna & Frank Cornell, Brent & Lynn Kroening	
<b>Next Week:</b>	Bill Nelson, Marv Werth, Bev Harder, Lorrie Weir, Randy DeVantier	
<b>Altar Guild for April:</b>	Anita Garito, Mary Salefske, Bev Harder	