



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday in Lent – April 3, 2022

*The stone
which the
builders
rejected Has
become the
chief
cornerstone.*

Psalms 118:22

Welcome to Our Savior's

Welcome to worship, especially our guests! We are delighted to have you with us. If you are looking for a church home, we are happy to share ours with you. If we haven't seen you in a while, it is great to see you today! May God bless your time with us richly.

Prayer Before Worship

"I rejoiced with those said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith.

Serving Today

- Minister – Pastor Andrew Franzo
- Organist – Marie Kurth
- Ushers – Phil Brost, Travis Kurth (*Next Sunday – Leopold*)

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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Our Worship

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- 1 All depends on our possessing
God's abundant grace and blessing,
though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken
in their God are not forsaken
and will keep a dauntless heart.
- 2 He who to this day has fed me
and to many joys has led me
is and ever shall be mine.
He who ever gently schools me,
he who daily guides and rules me,
will remain my help divine.
- 3 Many spend their lives in fretting
over trifles and in getting
things that have no solid ground.
I shall strive to win a treasure
that will bring me lasting pleasure
and that now is seldom found.
- 4 When with sorrow I am stricken,
hope anew my heart will quicken;
all my longing shall be stilled.
To his lovingkindness tender
soul and body I surrender,
for on God alone I build.
- 5 Well he knows what best to grant me;
all the longing hopes that haunt me,
joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt his wisdom never;
as God wills, so be it ever;
I commit to him my way.

6 If my days on earth he lengthen,
he my weary soul will strengthen;
all my trust in him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding,
like a stream away is gliding;
safe I anchor in his grace.

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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not
in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and
actions.**

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

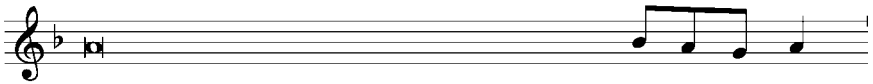
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



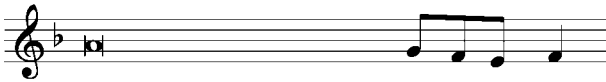
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 43:16–21

¹⁶This is what the LORD says—
he who made a way through the sea,
a path through the mighty waters,
¹⁷who drew out the chariots and horses,
the army and reinforcements together,
and they lay there, never to rise again,
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:
¹⁸“Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.
¹⁹See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.
²⁰The wild animals honor me,
the jackals and the owls,
because I provide water in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland,
to give drink to my people, my chosen,
²¹the people I formed for myself
that they may proclaim my praise.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 73 Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

Refrain



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Psalm tone



I am always with you, O LORD;*
you hold me by my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel,*
and afterward you will take me into glory.

Whom have I in heaven but you?*

And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail,*
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.

**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.**

Refrain

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Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b–14

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

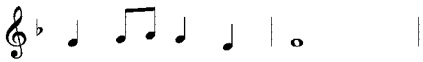
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

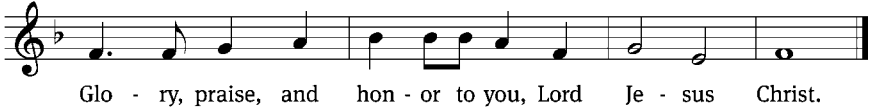
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Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:22



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Gospel

Luke 20:9–19

⁹He went on to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. ¹⁰At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. ¹²He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

¹³“Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.’

¹⁴“But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. ‘This is the heir,’ they said. ‘Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’

¹⁵So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

“What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.”

When the people heard this, they said, “God forbid!”

¹⁷Jesus looked directly at them and asked, “Then what is the meaning of that which is written:

“ ‘The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone’?”

¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

¹⁹The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

571 O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

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- 1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth,
your living finger never wrote
that life should be an aimless mote,
a deathward drift from futile birth.
Your Word meant life triumphant hurled
in splendor through your broken world;
ere light awoke and life began,
you made for us a holy plan.

- 2 In blind revolt we would not see
that rebel wills wrought death and night.
We seized and used in fear and spite
your wondrous gift of liberty.
We walled us in this house of doom,
where death had royal scope and room,
until your servant, Prince of Peace,
broke down its walls for our release.

- 3 You came into our hall of death,
O Christ, to breathe our poisoned air,
to drink for us the deep despair
that strangled our reluctant breath.
How beautiful the feet that trod
the road to bring good news from God!
How beautiful the feet that bring
good tidings of our saving King!
- 4 O Spirit, who did once restore
the church that it might yet recall
the one who brings good news to all:
breathe on your cloven church once more
that in these gray and latter days
there may be those whose life is praise,
each life a high doxology
unto the holy Trinity.

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Sermon

Stand

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.**

Be seated

Offering

- 1 God loved the world so that he gave
his only Son the lost to save
that all who would in him believe
should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ is the solid rock of faith,
who was made flesh and suffered death.
All who confide in him alone
are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 God would not have the sinner die;
his Son with saving grace is nigh.
His Spirit in the Word declares
that we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
forgives the sins that you have done.
You're justified by Jesus' blood;
baptized, you are a child of God.
- 5 If you are sick, if death is near,
this truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death;
this is the anchor of my faith!
- 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessèd Trinity,
be praise now and eternally!

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Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to free 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 pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.

Guard and guide 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 values as Christians.

By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.

Keep in your care 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, and those victimized by war and injustice. Comfort 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.

Watch over 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.

Hear us as we pray in silence. *Silent prayer*

Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of 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.

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.

- 1 Brothers, sisters, let us gladly
give to God our all, our best:
service hearty, thorough, honest,
with a living love impressed.
All our duty, all our striving,
all our time to him belong;
praise him, then, with true devotion,
come before him with a song.

- 2 By his mercy, by his bounty,
by the gift of Christ, his Son,
what great goodness he has shown us,
what high marvels he has done!
Let us to him promptly, freely,
yield our bodies and our souls,
thankful that his love protects us,
that his wisdom all controls.

- 3 Gracious Lord, accept our service
for the sake of Christ, your Son;
lo, our hope abides now only
in the righteousness he won.
Bless and save us, help and guide us,
watch to comfort and restore,
till in heav'n we rest rejoicing,
praising you forevermore.

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***Thank you for worshiping with us!
May God richly bless your week.***

This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ

Today	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class Worship
Wednesday	1:00 PM 4:00 PM	Lenten Worship Catechism
Sunday 4/10 Palm Sunday	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class Palm Sunday Worship with Communion and Confirmation Voters' Meeting <i>Food Pantry</i>

Divine Calls Pastor Matthew Stuebs has returned our call to serve as our pastor. Pastor Franzo has accepted a call to serve at Grace Lutheran Church in LaCrosse. We wish him and his family God's richest blessings.

Voters' Meeting Congregation members and especially voters are encouraged to attend a meeting next Sunday, April 10 following our worship service. The council will recommend requesting a seminary graduate. The council will also recommend calling Pastor Jeff Mahnke to be our vacancy pastor.



Confirmation Next Sunday, April 10, we will rejoice with Sawyer Burish as he confirms his faith and is received into communicant membership. The confirmation service and vow gives each of us an opportunity to review our commitment to Christ and our blessings that flow from growing in grace and pursuing and practicing our faith.

“The Crucial Hours”: Lent 2022 Our last Wednesday Lenten worship service is this week with Pastor Andrew Buschkopf from Mountain of the Lord leading our worship. The theme is “They Bound Him.”

LWMS Spring Rally is on Saturday, April 9 at Divine Word in Plover. Doors open at 8:30 am and the rally is from 9:00-11:30 am. Registration fee is \$3.00 per person.

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday (4/14)
Worship with Communion
at 1:00 & 6:30 PM

Good Friday (4/15)
Worship at 1:00 & 6:30 PM

Easter Sunday (4/17)
Easter Worship at 8:00 AM
Fellowship hour to follow

Correction: Good Friday Worship We will have two worship services on Good Friday - 1:00 & 6:30 pm. They will both be the same service and will have a Tenebrae type theme.

The calendar has the correct times, the body of the April newsletter is NOT correct. Apologies for any confusion.

Easter Breakfast Following our Easter Sunday worship, the Ladies' Aid will serve a **light breakfast** while we enjoy some fellowship time together. We thank Thrivent for providing funds for the treats.

Easter Flowers If you would like to contribute towards Easter flowers, there is a sign-up in the narthex. Thank you!

Memorial We thank Bob & Janice Gresens for their gift to deficit reduction given in memory of Bob's aunt, Arvilla Berens. Blessed be her memory. Thanks be to God for the love which led to this gift.

Holy Week Devotions Martin Luther College professors have written devotions for Holy Week, "God's Suffering Servant." These booklets are available today. Devotions begin next week on Palm Sunday.

Forward in Christ & Portals of Prayer

The latest issues are available today.

NLHS: Local Deals Coupon Books for 2022 are available in the narthex. Cost is \$20 and proceeds support Northland LHS.

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts: March 27, 2022

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Lent</u>	<u>Ash Wed</u>
\$2,822.00	\$180.00	\$110.00	\$10.00	\$390.00	\$25.00
<u>Initial Env</u>	<u>NLHS Tuition</u>	<u>NLHS Op</u>	<u>Mormon Outreach</u>		
\$5.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00		

Attendance: Sun., March 27 – 63 online – 24 Total = 87
Wed., March 30 – 19 online – 19 Total = 38



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