

April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Lent



“We Preach Christ Crucified...”

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

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PSALM 118:22, NRSV

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As We Gather

People often look to the judgment of experts. The opinion of experts can greatly influence the general population. That poses a problem when it comes to Christ. The world's experts and culturally elite generally see little value in Christ and his Word. Thankfully, Christ tells us to expect this. He also reminds us that when it comes to judgments about him and his kingdom, only one opinion matters. God the Father would render the final verdict about Christ and his work when he raised his Son from the dead. This week, we learn to evaluate the world's experts properly. They might see heaven's greatest treasure as trash. Fine. That treasure remains ours for the taking!

[Today's hymns are printed on pages 12-16 of the bulletin.]

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

TLH 473 – The Church's One Foundation

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** 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.
- C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from conception. 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.**
- P** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... 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.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 126

- P** When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
C **we were like those who dream.**
- P** Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;
C **then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”**
- P** The LORD has done great things for us;
C **we are glad.**
- P** Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
C **like streams in the Negeb!**
- P** Those who sow in tears
C **shall reap with shouts of joy!**
- P** He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
C **shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.**

Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

⁴ If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 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** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.
C **Amen.**

Confession of Faith

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.

Hymn

TLH 153 – Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



⁹ And he 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.

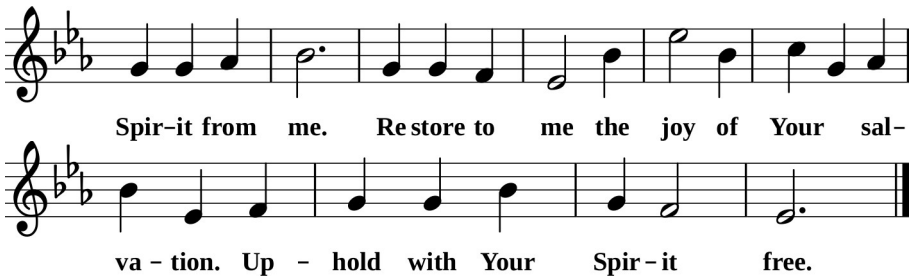


Sermon

The Craziest Plot Twist of All

Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly



Spir-it from me. Re- store to me the joy of Your sal-
va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn

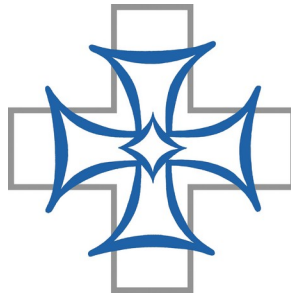
TLH 477 – Lord Jesus, Thou the Church’s Head

General Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them up to the Lord.**
- P** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God...
...Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and
earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho -
san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Words of Institution

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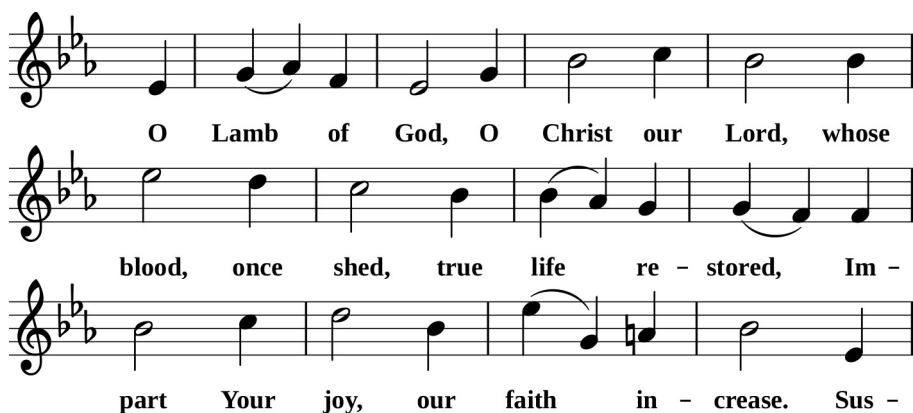
Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -



tain with Your mer-cy and grant us Your peace.

Distribution

Holy Communion is rightly called a ‘Sacrament’ because it is a “Sacred act;” not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US! Because God’s Word presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:16-17 Romans 16:17-18), we ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church come forward at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone’s faith, but rather an expression of ours. Please speak with pastor if you are seeking a church home or have any questions. We’d love to have you!

Nunc Dimittis

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant



O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De - part in heav'n-ly
All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to the



peace, For I have seen the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing
Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in -



grace: A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho - ly
One; For as in the be - gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er



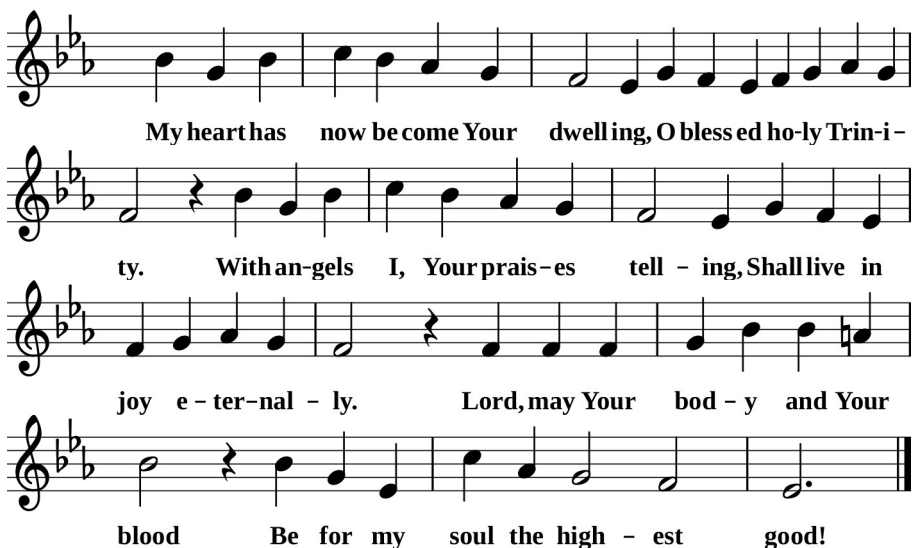
hill, The glo - ry of Your peo - ple, Your
be, God's tri - une name re - sound - ing Through



cho - sen Is - ra - el.
all e - ter - ni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

Thanksgiving



My heart has now be come Your dwell ing, O bless ed ho-ly Trin-i-
ty. With an-gels I, Your prais-es tell - ing, Shall live in
joy e - ter-nal - ly. Lord, may Your bod - y and Your
blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Benediction

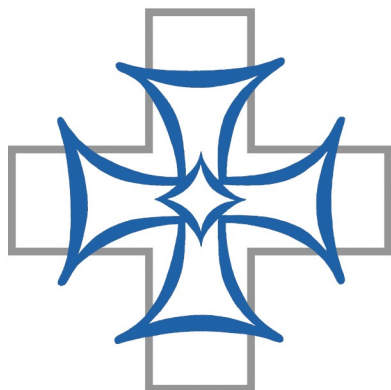
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn

TLH 465 – Christ Is Our Corner-Stone

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TLH 473 – The Church's One Foundation

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Eph. 2: 20

Samuel J. Stone, 1866, cento

Aurelia

Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 The Church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord, to de - fend,

She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 To guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, Is with her to the end.

From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Tho' there be those that hate her, And strive to see her fail,

With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 A - gainst both foe and trai - tor She ev - er shall pre - vail. A - men.

4 Though with a scornful wonder
 Men see her sore oppressed,
 By schisms rent asunder,
 By heresies distressed,
 Yet saints their watch are keeping;
 Their cry goes up, "How long?"
 And soon the night of weeping
 Shall be the morn of song.

5 Mid toil and tribulation
 And tumult of her war
 She waits the consummation
 Of peace forevermore,
 Till with the vision glorious
 Her longing eyes are blest
 And the great Church victorious
 Shall be the Church at rest.

TLH 153 – Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

Is. 53: 8-6

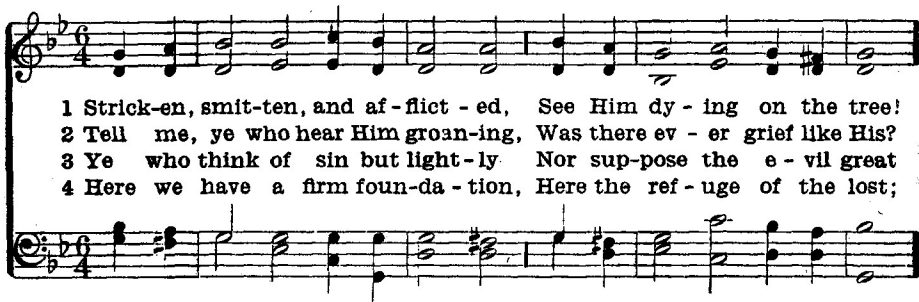
Thomas Kelly, 1804

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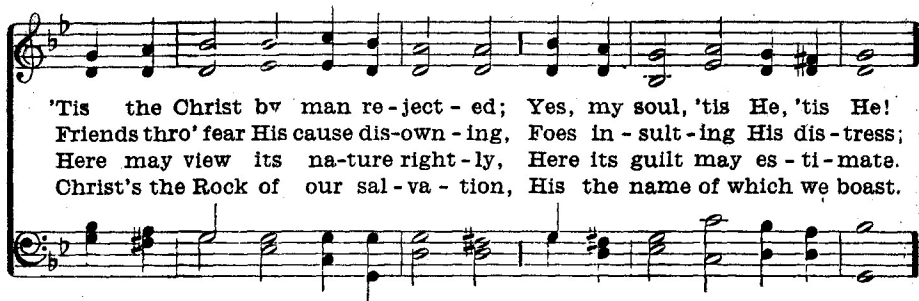
O mein Jesu, ich muss sterben

"Geistliche Volkslieder"

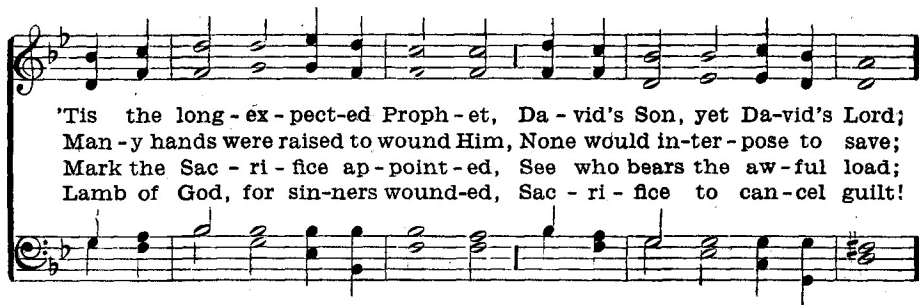
Paderborn, 1850



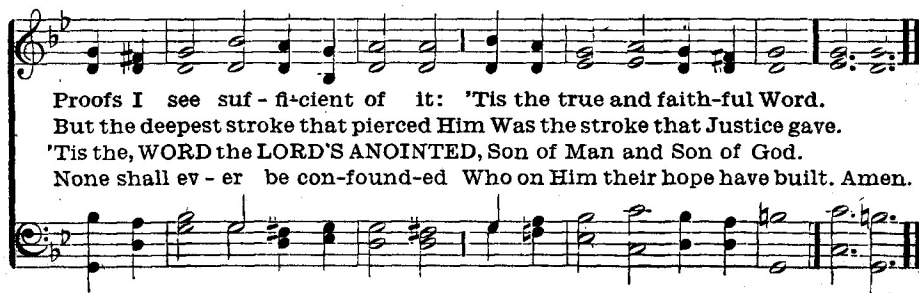
1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af-flict-ed, See Him dy-ing on the tree!
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev-er grief like His?
3 Ye who think of sin but light-ly Nor sup-pose the e-vil great
4 Here we have a firm foun-da-tion, Here the ref-uge of the lost;



'Tis the Christ by man re-ject-ed; Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
Friends thro' fear His cause dis-own-ing, Foes in-sult-ing His dis-tress;
Here may view its na-ture right-ly, Here its guilt may es-ti-mate.
Christ's the Rock of our sal-va-tion, His the name of which we boast.



'Tis the long-ex-pect-ed Proph-et, Da-vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord;
Man-y hands were raised to wound Him, None would in-ter-pose to save;
Mark the Sac-ri-fice ap-point-ed, See who bears the aw-ful load;
Lamb of God, for sin-ners wound-ed, Sac-ri-fice to can-cel guilt!



Proofs I see suf-fi-cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith-ful Word.
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that Justice gave.
'Tis the, WORD the LORD'S ANOINTED, Son of Man and Son of God.
None shall ev-er be con-found-ed Who on Him their hope have built. Amen.

TLH 477 – Lord Jesus, Thou the Church's Head

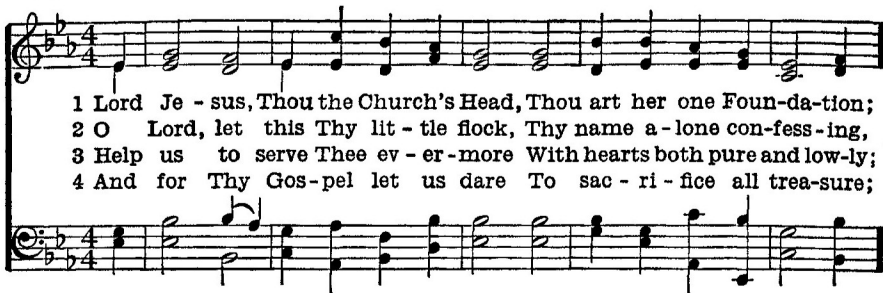
Col. 2: 10

O Jesu, einig wahres Haupt
Johann Mentzer, 1726, cento
Tr., William J. Schaefer, 1938

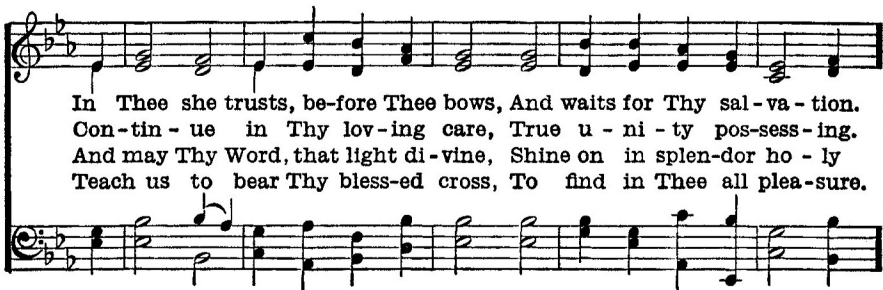
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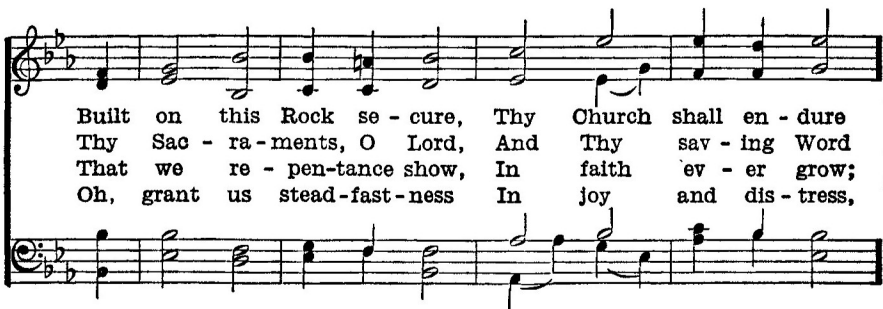
Fritz Reuter, 1916



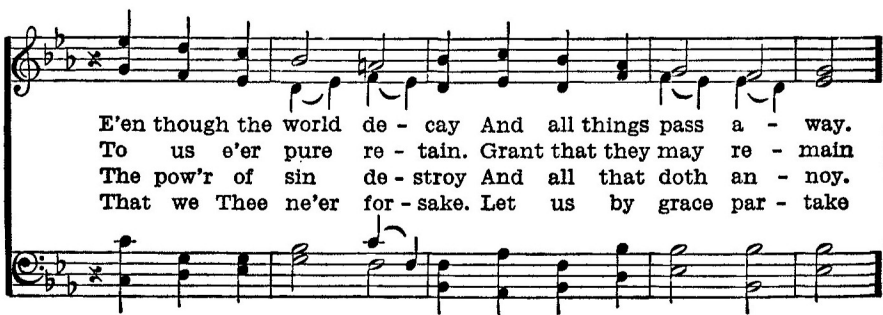
1 Lord Je - sus, Thou the Church's Head, Thou art her one Foun-da-tion;
2 O Lord, let this Thy lit - tle flock, Thy name a-lone con-fess-ing,
3 Help us to serve Thee ev - er-more With hearts both pure and low-ly;
4 And for Thy Gos-pel let us dare To sac - ri - fice all trea-sure;



In Thee she trusts, be-fore Thee bows, And waits for Thy sal - va - tion.
Con - tin - ue in Thy lov - ing care, True u - ni - ty pos - sess - ing.
And may Thy Word, that light di - vine, Shine on in splen - dor ho - ly
Teach us to bear Thy bless - ed cross, To find in Thee all plea - sure.



Built on this Rock se - cure, Thy Church shall en - dure
Thy Sac - ra - ments, O Lord, And Thy sav - ing Word
That we re - pen - tance show, In faith ev - er grow;
Oh, grant us stead - fast - ness In joy and dis - tress,



E'en though the world de - cay And all things pass a - way.
To us e'er pure re - tain. Grant that they may re - main
The pow'r of sin de - stroy And all that doth an - noy.
That we Thee ne'er for - sake. Let us by grace par - take



Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Je - - sus!
Our on - ly strength and com - - fort.
Oh, make us faith - ful Chris - tians!
Of end - less joy and glo - - ry. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The lyrics are printed between the two staves. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with chords and single notes. The lyrics are: "Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Je - - sus! Our on - ly strength and com - - fort. Oh, make us faith - ful Chris - tians! Of end - less joy and glo - - ry. A - men." The word "A - men." is written in a larger font than the rest of the lyrics.

TLH 465 – Christ Is Our Corner-Stone

1 Kings 9: 3

Angularis fundamentum

Author unknown, c. 700, cento

Tr., John Chandler, 1837

6. 6. 6. 6. 4. 4. 4. 4.

Darwall's 148th

John Darwall, 1770

1 Christ is our Cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;
2 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;
3 Here, gra - cious God, do Thou For - ev - er - more draw nigh;
4 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,

With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled.
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing
Ac - cept each faith - ful vow And mark each sup - pliant sigh.
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more

On His great love Our hopes we place Of
And thus pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both
In co - pious show'r On all who pray Each
Un - til that day When all the blest To

pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
loud and long, That glo - rious name.
ho - ly day, Thy bless - ing pour.
end - less rest Are called a - way! A - men.

✝ Announcements ✝

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

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OUR SCHEDULE: "If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

*Online calendar at FDLlutheran.com or go to facebook.com/FDL.lutheran

April 3	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
April 4	6:30 pm	Mission Committee
April 6	6:30 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
April 7	10:00 am	Bible Class
April 10	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
April 12	6:00 pm	Council
April 13	9:00 am	Lakeview Place Worship
	10, 11 am	Woodlands Worship
	1:30 pm	St. Peter's Place Worship
April 14	10:00 am	Bible Class
	6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
April 15	1:30 pm	Good Friday Worship
April 17	8:30 am	Easter Brunch
	10:00 am	Worship Service

Midweek Lenten Worship: Our Lenten theme this year is: "Lenten Tears" This Wednesday, we consider "Tears of Grief" based on John 11:17-37. Join us for worship at 6:30 pm.



Holy Week: "Holiday" is simply short for "holy day." Through the course of a year, there are certain days we set apart as special: to commemorate extraordinary events, to celebrate influential individuals. While there are many holy days, there is but one holy week. The final week of Lent marks the most pivotal week in human history. In the four gospels— biographies of Jesus Christ's thirty-three-year life—this single week consumes nearly a third of the ink. The Holy Spirit considered the events of Holy Week that important.

On a holy day, the relentless march of time slows down. We set aside our usual routines to call attention to whatever or whoever makes that day special. Likewise, believers slow down during Holy Week to ponder all that Christ did for them, from His humble entrance into Jerusalem, to His sacrificial death on the cross, to the victory of Easter morning.

Join us for worship this year for Holy Week. Our Palm Sunday worship is next Sunday at 10:00 am. Maundy Thursday worship is at 6:30 pm. Good Friday worship is at 1:30 pm. On both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper.

LMS Mini Classes: We will be having Mini Classes the week of Monday, April 11 - Wednesday, April 13. These will be a chance for parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles, cousins, and friends down the street to come and show/teach different hobbies or activities with our students. Time slots can be as short as 90 minutes to up to 2-3 hours. We are able to travel a small distance also. If you have something you'd like to prepare to share and teach the students or know someone who might, please reach out to them and Mrs. Wiese soon!

The list of possibilities is endless, but examples could include: taxidermy, candle making, soap making, flower arranging, crocheting, changing a tire, jerky making, leather work, scrap-booking, beekeeping, financial planning, sign language, changing oil, self-defense, or baking/cooking (to name a few).

Kinship: The Kinship Committee is in need of individual sponsors for both orphans and seminarians in our overseas sister congregations. Fields of opportunity are continually expanding, as are the needs for support from those who are moved do to do. Please consider helping. Financial support ranges from \$25/month to \$50/month. For more information please see, call, email, or text Dan Roehl— danroehl@hotmail.com / 507-381-2042.

Have You Considered ILC?: Our Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, offers an academically excellent, Christ-centered college education. There are four-year degree programs in Education (BS) and Pre-

Theology (BA), as well as a two-year Associate of Arts program. ILC offers a range of student aid to help you finance your education; apply by the May 1 deadline to receive priority consideration. If you are a high school junior or senior (or older) thinking about college, check out our academic and registration information at ILC.edu, or contact our CLC recruiter, Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, at sam.rodebaugh@gmail.com, cell (414) 534-7279.

Call for Nominations: The deadline is March 31 for nominations to CLC offices at our upcoming synod convention, June 23-26, 2022. Pastors, professors, male teachers, and voters of congregations within the Church of the Lutheran Confession are invited to nominate individuals for the following synodical offices:

- CLC President
- CLC Vice-President
- CLC Moderator
- CLC Secretary
- Called Servants for the Board of Trustees, Regents, Missions, and Education
- Lay Members for the Board of Trustees, Regents, Missions, and Education.

An online nomination form and accompanying information is available on the clclutheran.org website (scroll down to "Convention 2022"). Nominations may also be sent by regular mail at this address: Moderator Paul D. Nolting, 810 W 3rd St, Valentine, NE 69201. U.S. mail must be postmarked no later than March 31.

CLC News: Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran of Phoenix, AZ, has been called to teach K-4 at Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane, WA. + Pastor Tom Naumann of Mount Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL. + Pastor Mark Tiefel of Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, is still considering the call to Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI. + Allison Brown, a member of Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI, is still considering call to teach preschool part time at Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.

