



¹³ So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. ¹⁴ Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” ¹⁵ They cried out, “Away with him, away with him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” ¹⁶ So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

John 19:13–16 (ESV)

Ecce Homo (Behold, the Man!)
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LENT FIVE

Luther Memorial Church April 6, 2025

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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Divine Worship. 10am

Fellowship Hour 11am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 27 (TLH Pg. 129);

PRAYERS: 5 (Pg. 118); 6 (Pg. 118).

HYMNS: 370 387:1-8 371 175

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 370 *“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”*

A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT (Setting 2, WS Pg. 12)

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: 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.

Congregation: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. 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 forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

- C: ♪ Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
- C: ♪ Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.
- ♪ Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.
- ♪ Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'n-ly host we glorify.

Pastor: Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever." **C: Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

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. *

EPISTLE LESSON:

PHILIPPIANS 3:4-14

⁴ though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. 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. *

GOSPEL LESSON:

LUKE 20:9-19

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. *

THE ALLELUIA:

Pastor: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Congregation: ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN: 387:1-8 - *“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”*

THE SERMON:

MATTHEW 27:24-25

²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” ²⁵ And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” **

MAPPING OUT THE EVENTS OF LENT

The Pavement (Gabbatha) – Pilate washes his hands of the affair

THE OFFERTORY

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

We express our thanksgiving for what the Savior Jesus has done for us by supporting His Work with our time, talents and gifts. Should you wish to leave a gift, there are offering plates in the rear of the sanctuary. As our gifts are brought forward to His Altar, we sing His Praise.

THE OFFERING HYMN

(TLH 148:1,7-8)

♪ Lord Jesus Christ, my Life, my Light, My Strength by day, my Trust by night, On earth I'm but a passing guest And sorely with my sins oppress.

♪ Lord, in Thy nail-prints let me read That Thou to save me hast decreed And grant that in Thine opened side My troubled soul may ever hide.

♪ Since Thou hast died, the Pure, the Just. I take my homeward way in trust. The gates of heaven, Lord, open wide When here I may no more abide.

PRAYER(S) /THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 371 *"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"*

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: 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. Who on the cross gave salvation to humankind that he who by a tree once overcame might also by a tree be overcome, through Christ, our Lord; through whom with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, 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!

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

LAMB OF GOD

♪ O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life restored, Impart Your joy, our faith increase. Sustain with Your mercy and grant us Your peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:



In the early church, Communion was thought of so highly that no one except confirmed members of the church were allowed even to watch it. This practice was more strict than necessary, of course. But the early church did understand something that many today do not: that Communion was never intended for indiscriminate use by everyone, but was restricted to those who are properly prepared. If you have never communed with us before, and desire the benefits of the Lord's Supper, please set up an appointment with the pastor to discuss how you can prepare properly. **The Lord's Supper will be received standing or seated in the pews. You are asked to dispose of the empties in one of the disposals near the front of the sanctuary.**

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT

♪ O Lord, now let your servant Depart in heav'n-ly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

♪ All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

THANKSGIVING

♪ My heart has now become Your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Your praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally.
Lord, may Your body and Your blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

THE BENEDICTION: (Pastor) **CONGREGATION:** "Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: 175 *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in Jesus' name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us and hope that you will return again. If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please either speak with the pastor or with an usher on the way out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 6, 2025

THIS MORNING AFTER WORSHIP:

✓ Fellowship Hour (Host: Mueller)

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Council, 6:00pm

Wednesday: Midweek Lenten Worship 6:30pm

Sunday: Sunday School/Bible Study 9am; Worship 10am.

GENERAL BUDGET

The 2025 General Budget was set in our Annual Meeting at \$130,000.00. We have thus far received: \$33,871.25 toward that budget.

COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLEDGE

Please keep our Cooperative Budget Pledge needs in mind when giving thanks to the Savior for all of His gifts to you. We have pledged to send \$22,000 to support the work of the LORD in our church body, the Church of the Lutheran Confession in 2024-25. Thus far we have received \$ 13,945.00 toward that pledge.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEETING

The Sunday School Teachers met last Sunday following worship and will meet a final time this spring on Sunday April 27th following worship in the conference room.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP HOUR 2025

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board for those who would like to host a Family Fellowship Hour during 2025. Just two months remain without hosts, please take a look and sign up when you can host!

LM FAMILY GAME NIGHT

The 2025 Game Nights are scheduled for April 11th and May 9th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for snacks and games!

CHRIST EXPLORER'S CAMP

Young Adult Retreat: Well, our camp is growing up just like the majority of our youth in our church at Holy Trinity. So.... this year, we have decided to host a more "grown up" camp for our older youth. This will actually become a Young Adult Retreat! We are inviting young adults entering grades 9 and up and our young college youth to join us in Bryson City, NC, for a young adult retreat! Please save the date for Christ's Explorers Retreat - Thursday, June 19 - Sunday, June 22. Questions, please contact Sara Kloke (runsforfun@aol.com), Karen Howell (kdhowell32@gmail.com), or Julie Levandoski (levandoskidressage@gmail.com).

CLC YOUTH CAMP

CLC Youth Camp at Pillager 2025 Camp registration opens Saturday March 15th at 10am CST. CLC Youth Camp at Pillager is for campers entering grades 6th-12th. Camp runs June 8-14th, 2025. For more information visit the website, <https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp>, or contact Amber Casto and Ethan Sydow at youthcamp.clc@gmail.com.

MDF OPPORTUNITIES

Offerings to the Mission Development Fund (MDF) are needed to support and complete projects such as a seminary classroom building in Nigeria, a multipurpose worship and Bible institute building in Bangladesh, and pastoral training seminars and conferences. The MDF also provides Bibles, catechisms, evangelist and pastor transportation, and support for domestic outreach projects here in the U.S. Additionally, per convention resolution, part of the funding for our Tanzania/East Africa Missionary comes from offerings to the MDF.

KITCHEN UTENSILS

The Ladies of Luther Memorial did some spring cleaning of the basement kitchen last Tuesday. As a result, there are a number of kitchen utensils on a table in the entryway. If you want something from the table, take it...but take it today...the table will be gone and anything left after next Sunday.

LENTEN SERIES 2025

*The Penitential Season of Lent begins on Wednesday March 5th with an Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30pm. The Theme of this year's Lenten Meditations is: "The Hand of the Lord Who...1) Freely Gives; 2) Creates and Saves; 3) Casts out Demons; 4) Heals the Sick; 5) Raises the Dead; 6) **Holds all things.**" Pastors Schaller, Ude, Bernthal and Tiefel will be preaching at Luther Memorial for Midweek Lenten Services.*

TEACHER CALL

During our most recent Teacher Call Meeting, our chairman asked for a discussion as to whether or not we are still committed to calling a teacher for Luther Memorial School. There was discussion and the quorum of voters moved forward with calling a teacher because that is the established will of the Voters of Luther Memorial. It did not escape notice that there were a number of Voters who did not remain for the meeting or participate. If you have misgivings about calling a teacher you are asked to speak with Chairman Bernthal or Pastor Schaller and express yourself.

SPRING PROPERTY CLEANUP

The LM Council is looking at scheduling a spring clean-up day or at least preparing a list of items that need to be done onsite. Are you willing to help? Is there anything that you have noticed that needs to be repaired? If so, please speak to the Building and Grounds Chairman Chris Sabel or the Chairman David Bernthal.

TEACHER CALL REPLY

*Dear Members of Luther Memorial Church,
I have received your call to serve as teacher in your Christian Day School. I recognize this call as divine and will give it careful and prayerful consideration. The Lord will surely give me the wisdom needed in this decision as I look to Him to see where he would have me serve in His kingdom best. Your continued prayers are greatly appreciated.*

Yours in Christ, Amy Mielke

LAWN MOWING SCHEDULE

It may not seem so with the recent confused weather, but we will soon need to begin mowing the lawn again at Luther Memorial. If anyone is interested in being added to the mowing schedule or would like more information, please speak with Ron Haengen.

IMMANUEL'S AFTER BANQUET PARTY

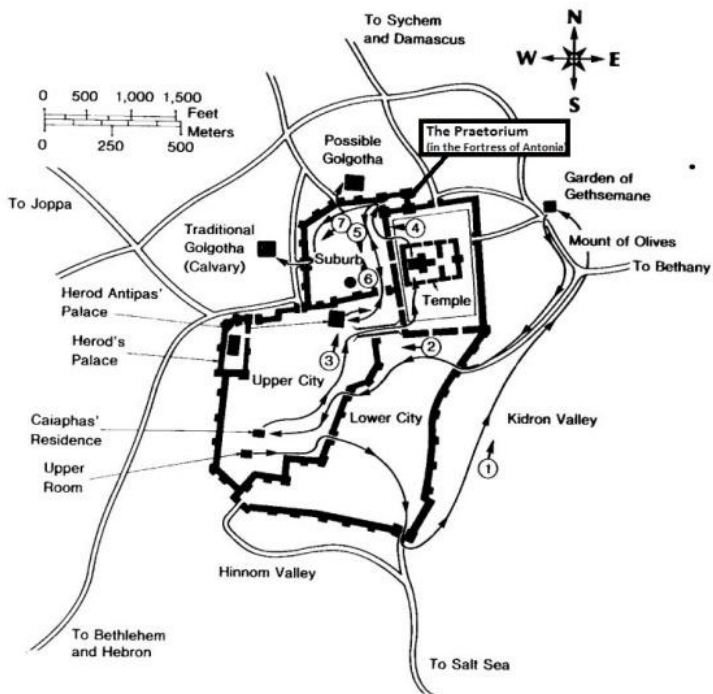
*Each May, the students of ILHS enjoy an evening out to a special dinner, all dressed up (like a prom). After many pictures and the special dinner, they all are able to attend a party in the gym that is thoughtfully planned out with a theme and games and prizes. These prizes are able to happen because, not only do the parents contribute, but our congregations also contribute. The students love attending this each year because it is so much fun and the prizes are really nice. They really appreciate all that goes into it. Please consider donating so that our students can enjoy a fun and safe evening. A shiny green box is placed in the back of the church for your donation. Donations will be given to the banquet's planning committee after **Sunday, April 27th**. Thank you!*



THE LITHOSTROTOS (GABBATHA)

Located under the convent of Ecce Homo
(The Convent of the Sisters of Zion)
It lies near the area that once was the Antonia Fortress





Bird's-Eye View of the Forum: Jesus Hears His Death Sentence
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CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Tom Schuetze has returned the call of St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School in Mountain View, CA • Faith Lutheran in Manchester has called Missionary Peter Evensen of Togo, West Africa. • Pastor Paul Tiefel Jr. has announced his intention to retire from the public ministry at Messiah Lutheran on August 15th 2025. • Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI, has called Teacher Amy Mielke, who currently teaches at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. • Grace Lutheran School in Sleepy Eye, MN, has called Mrs. Vanessa Wales and Mrs. Danielle Sippert to teach courses for the 2025-26 school year to replace Mrs. Debra Mayhew.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2025

The Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) is a pledge established by the Voters of Luther Memorial to participate in the work of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. This fiscal year runs from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

Amount Pledged 2024	Received as of 4/2/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (12)
\$22,000	\$13,945.00	\$8,055.00	\$671.25

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 3/30 & 4/2/25

Attendance: 3/30 - ; 4/2 -15

General Fund <i>(Budgetary)</i>	General Missions <i>(CBP)</i>	Kinship <i>(Missions)</i>	MDF <i>(Missions)</i>	M & I <i>(Non-Budgetary)</i>
\$1,970.00	\$450.00	\$60.00	\$50.00	\$1,000.00
Easter Lilies <i>(Non-Budgetary)</i>				
\$51.00				

Total Offerings: \$3,581.00

Luther Memorial General Budget 2025

The Voters of Luther Memorial established the general budget at the Annual Meeting on January 19, 2024. All Budgetary offerings are applied to this budget. This fiscal year runs from January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025.

General Budget	Received as of 4/2/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate Amount <i>(39 Sundays)</i>
\$130,000.00	\$33,871.25	\$96,128.75	\$2,465.00

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BIBLE READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS – APRIL 7-12, 2025

Monday - John 11:28-44 Martha leaves Jesus to get her sister, and Mary comes to Him with the same greeting as her sister. Jesus weeps to see all their sorrow, and proceeds to show God's glory in giving life to the dead!

Tuesday - John 11:45-53 Many believe on the Lord of life, but the Jewish leaders see Him as a threat to their position. Caiaphas prophesies that one should die for the people, unaware of God's plan to save us that way!

Wednesday - 1 Peter 1:13-16 Peter calls upon God's people to set their hope on God's promised grace in Christ, and to let that hope show in self-controlled lives set apart for the glory of their Savior God.

Thursday - 1 Peter 1:17-21 Since we were not redeemed from emptiness by passing things like silver and gold, such things should not rate highest in our lives; but rather our love for Him who shed His own blood for us all!

Friday - Exodus 5:1-21 Israel's request to worship God in the wilderness is not only refused, but appears to make things worse. The people blame Moses, but this is really the start of their return to the promised land!

Saturday - Job 33:13-30 Job's friend Elihu rebukes those who blame God for their troubles. As God speaks in different ways (v14-18), so He disciplines in different troubles (v19-30), all to bring back a soul from the pit.



These devotions are produced by Pastor/Professor Emeritus Paul Schaller and sent out on a weekly basis.

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HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 27

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

⁴One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

⁶And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

⁷Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek." ⁹Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! ¹⁰For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in.

¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. ¹²Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

¹³I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! ¹⁴Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! *

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

Lord God, you do not desire the death of the sinner, but would have him turn from his evil way and live. I come to you confessing that I have sinned and deserve only Your anger and punishment. But I cling to Your mercy in Christ Jesus, my Lord, who gave himself for my redemption. Lord, grant that I may always believe this and never doubt. Grant that in this faith I may go to Your altar and receive the body and blood which Your Son has given for my salvation, and praise, laud and honor Your love and mercy all the days of my life.

Hear me for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Redeemer and Savior.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

I give you thanks and praise, Almighty, everlasting god, heavenly Father, for this your divine love that has again enabled me to receive the body and blood of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord. I humbly ask that you would fill me with the power of the Holy Spirit that through this Sacrament which I have received with both mouth and by faith that I may always retain and possess the treasures of Your grace, even the forgiveness of sins and unity with Christ and eternal life. Let this enable me to walk in the footsteps of my Lord Jesus, doubting nothing and trusting that you will give to me and all who trust in Him the crown of everlasting life. Hear me, heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior. Amen.

HYMN

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

- 1. My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**
- 2. When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**
- 3. His oath, His covenant, and blood Support me in the whelming flood; When every earthly prop gives way, He then is all my Hope and Stay. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**
- 4. When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found, Clothed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne! On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**

HYMN

DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL, REJOICE

- 1. Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing, And, with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing, Proclaim the wonders God hath done, How His right arm the victory won; Right dearly it hath cost Him.**

2. Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay, Death brooded darkly o'er me, Sin was my torment night and day, In sin my mother bore me; Yea, deep and deeper still I fell, Life had become a living hell, So firmly sin possessed me.

3. My own good works availed me naught, No merit they attaining; Free will against God's judgment fought, Dead to all good remaining. My fears increased till sheer despair Left naught but death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suffered.

4. But God beheld my wretched state Before the world's foundation, And, mindful of His mercies great, He planned my soul's salvation. A father's heart He turned to me, Sought my redemption fervently: He gave His dearest Treasure.

5. He spoke to His beloved Son: 'Tis time to have compassion. Then go, bright Jewel of My crown, And bring to man salvation; From sin and sorrow set him free, Slay bitter death for him that he May live with Thee forever.

6. This Son obeyed His Father's will, Was born of virgin mother, And God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my Brother. No garb of pomp or power He wore, A servant's form, like mine, He bore, To lead the devil captive.

7. To me He spake: Hold fast to Me, I am thy Rock and Castle; Thy Ransom I Myself will be, For thee I strive and wrestle; For I am with thee, I am thine, And evermore thou shalt be Mine; The Foe shall not divide us.

8. The Foe shall shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving. All this I suffer for thy good; Be steadfast and believing. Life shall from death the victory win, My innocence shall bear thy sin; So art thou blest forever.

THE OFFERING HYMN

(TLH 148:1,7-8)

♪ Lord Jesus Christ, my Life, my Light, My Strength by day, my Trust by night, On earth I'm but a passing guest And sorely with my sins opprest.

♪ Lord, in Thy nail-prints let me read That Thou to save me hast decreed And grant that in Thine opened side My troubled soul may ever hide.

♪ Since Thou hast died, the Pure, the Just. I take my homeward way in trust. The gates of heaven, Lord, open wide When here I may no more abide.

HYMN

JESUS, THY BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

1. Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress; Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.

2. Bold shall I stand in that great Day, For who ought to my charge shall lay? Fully through these absolved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

3. The holy, meek, unspotted Lamb, Who from the Father's bosom came, Who died for me, e'en me t'atone, Now for my Lord and God I own.

4. Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy-seat of God Forever doth for sinners plead, For me--e'en for my soul--was shed.

5. Lord, I believe were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore, Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.

6. When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies, E'en then, this shall be all my plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.

7. Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me, For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

HYMN

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

1. 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.

2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

3. 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?

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine That were a tribute far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.