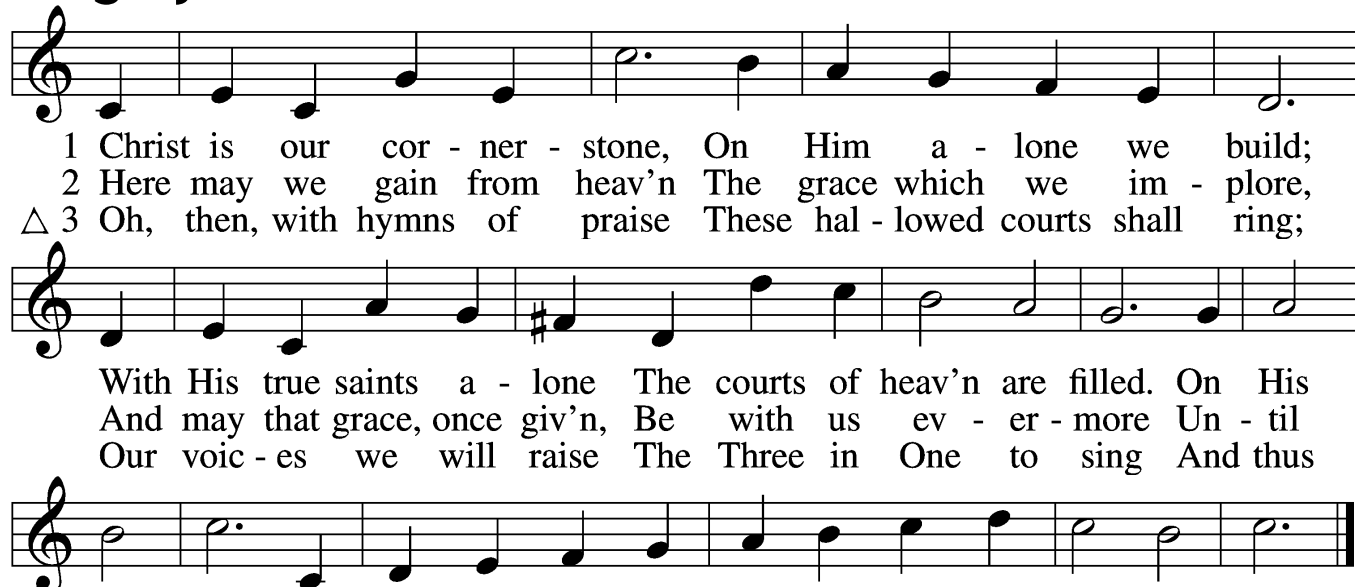


April 3, 2022
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Opening Hymn: 912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

LSB 912



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,
△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;
With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus
great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

Text: Latin, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806-76, alt. Tune: John Darwall, 1731-89 Text and tune: Public domain

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

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

Exhortation

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3-4; Luke 18:13 LSB 203

- 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.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

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

Absolution

[John 20:19-23] LSB 203

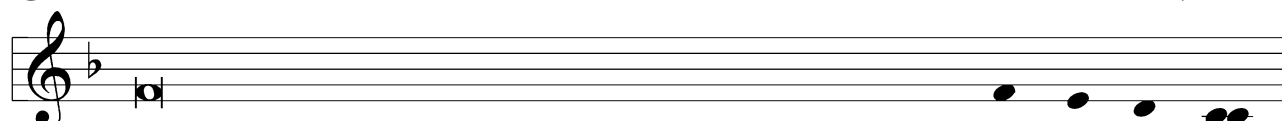
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C** Amen.

Service of the Word

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** 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.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

A The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 43.

¹⁶Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who 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.
¹⁹Behold, 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.
²⁰The 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,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself
 that they might declare my praise.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,
 the founder and perfecter of our faith,
 who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the
 shame,
 and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle

Philippians 3:8-14

A The Epistle is from Philippians, chapter 3.

⁸Indeed, 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 ⁹and 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— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not 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. ¹³Brothers, 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, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 20:9-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus] 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. ¹⁰When 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. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵And 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 destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone’?

¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

¹⁹The 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. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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.**

Announcements

Hymn of the Day: Christ, the Life of All the Living

LSB 420 sts. 1-3, 6-7



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a
 3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might
 6 Thou hast suf - fered great af - flic - tion And hast borne it
 7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, For Thy sor - rows



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
 cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,
 all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
 pa - tient - ly, E - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion,
 deep and sore, For Thine an - guish in the Gar - den,



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,
 O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my
 Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of
 Ful - ly to a - tone for me; Thou didst choose to
 I will thank Thee ev - er - more, Thank Thee for Thy



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
 soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
 God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.
 be tor - ment - ed That my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
 groan - ing, sigh - ing, For Thy bleed - ing and Thy dy - ing,



Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
 Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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 Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
 For that last tri - um - phant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605-81; (sts. 1-2, 7): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.; (sts. 3, 6): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, 1912, St. Louis
 Tune: Das grosse Cantional, 1687, Darmstadt
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Sermon

Rev. Philip Zielinski

Hymn: 777 Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord LSB 777

Grant peace, we pray, in mer - cy, Lord; Peace
in our time, O send us! For there is
none on earth but You, None oth - er
to de - fend us. You on - ly,
Lord, can fight for us. A - men.

Text: Latin, c. 6th cent.; adapt, Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Laudamus, 1952, Hannover
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Tune: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–47

Offering

Note: Please continue to place your offerings into the plates as you enter or leave church as we will not be passing the plates through the congregation. The offering plates will be brought forward at this time to remind us that our offerings are given in thankfulness to Him for His blessings to each of us.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For deliverance from pride and self-justification, that God would rescue us from the folly of believing we are righteous because of our worthiness, and that He would strengthen our faith in the surpassing worth of Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

- P** For pastors, that they would be faithful in the preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments; and for congregations, that they would receive these gifts in thankfulness that Christ was rejected by sinners so that we may be welcomed into His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For parents, that God would bless them with every good gift to teach their children that salvation and life is theirs in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For civil authorities, that God would strengthen them to discourage evil and encourage good; and that He would keep us ever mindful that it is He who shields us and lifts our heads, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the anxious and fearful, that God, who grants sleep and awakens again, would console them with His mercy and deliverance in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all those in any need, [*especially* _____,] let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all good works, that God, who does not extinguish us like a wick, would enlighten us in Christ and cause our light to shine before others to the glory of His name, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For repentant hearts, that we may abandon all confidence in our flesh, counting all other gains as loss, and so receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

P O Lord, in Baptism You have shared Christ's suffering, death and resurrection with us, that we might be raised from the dead. Preserve us from taking His sacrifice for granted. Encourage us to forget what lies behind and strain forward to what lies ahead, until we attain the resurrection from the dead; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136] LSB 160

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.

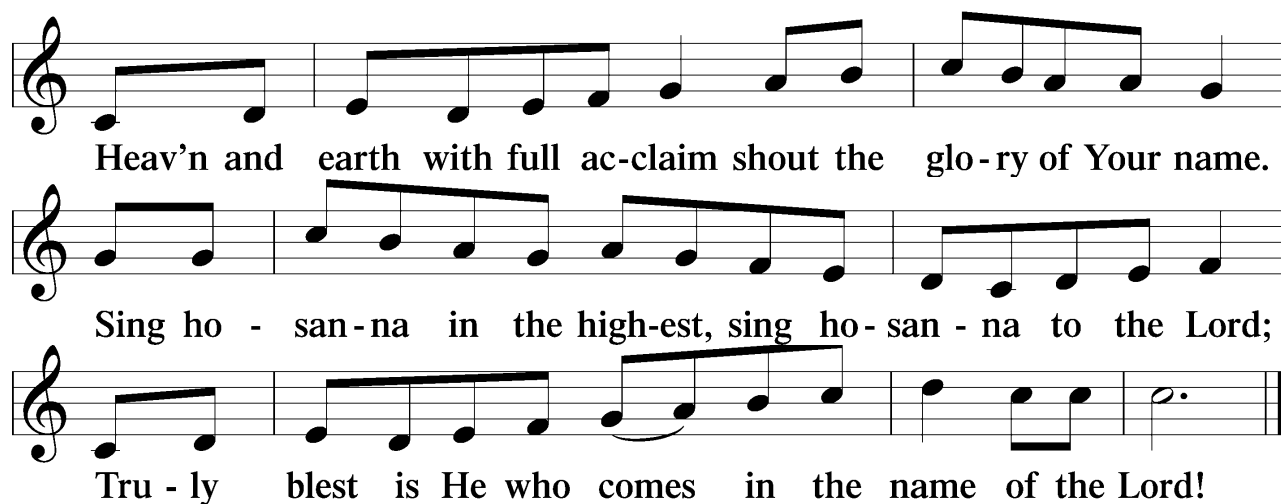
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29 LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution Hymn: 430 My Song Is Love Unknown LSB 430



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



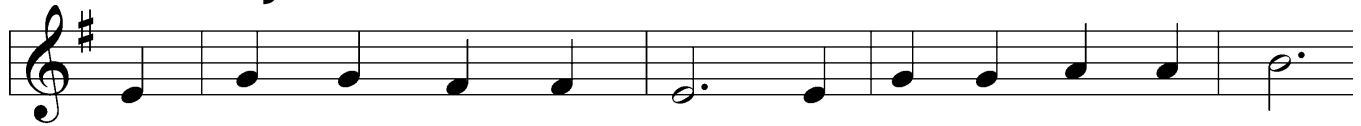
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 Who at my need His life did spend!
 And for His death They thirst and cry.
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have
 My dear Lord made away;
 A murderer they save,
 The Prince of Life they slay.
 Yet cheerful He
 To suff'ring goes
 That He His foes
 From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home
 My Lord on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heav'n was His home
 But mine the tomb
 Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
 No story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like Thine.
 This is my friend,
 In whose sweet praise I all my days
 Could gladly spend!

Distribution Hymn: 431 Not All the Blood of Beasts LSB 431



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain
 2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;
 3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,
 4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear
 5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;



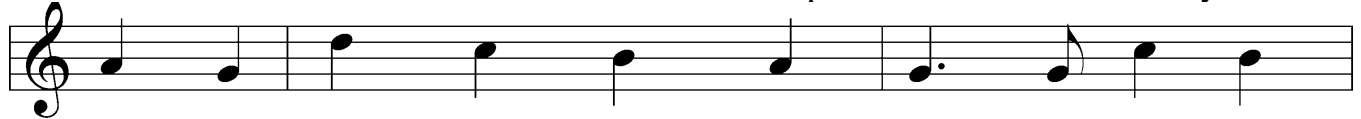
Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.
 A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.
 While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.
 When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.
 We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
 Tune: William Daman, c. 1540–1591
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Distribution Hymn: 575 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.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.
 Tune: John Stainer, 1840–1901
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Stand

The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32 LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

Almighty God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have refreshed us with the body and blood of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that this heavenly food which we have received will strengthen our faith that we may bear all crosses, sickness, and trials with patience and trust until You grant us deliverance, peace, and health; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1 LSB 212

A 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.

Closing Hymn: The Church's One Foundation *LSB 644 sts. 1-5*



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 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



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.
 By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more
 And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



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,
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



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.
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
 That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900, alt.
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THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Today	12:00-1:00 PM	Hand Bell Rehearsal
Today	12:00-2:00 PM	Walk-In Communion
Monday	6:00 PM	Confirmation Class
Tuesday	10:00 AM	LWML
Tuesday	5:00-7:00 PM	Walk-In Communion
Wednesday	10:00-11:15 AM	Bible Study
Wednesday	11:30 AM	Lent-5 Morning Worship
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Lent-5 Evening Worship

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed this morning by Cindy & Chris Ruhrkraut in memory of their mother Elsie Ruhrkraut.

EASTER FLOWERS today is the last day to turn in your flower order forms for Easter Sunday. Please use the envelopes located in the Narthex and place in the wooden drop box. Thank you.

EASTER BREAKFAST NEEDS YOU! Sign-up at the Welcome Center to bring an item to share and to help set-up and clean-up. We'll have a pot-luck style breakfast to celebrate together!

LWML is collecting mites today. Thank you.

COLLEGE CARE FOR OUR STUDENTS We're putting together care packages for our college students! Help us stay connected with them while they're studying hard and/or away from home. **We will assemble these packages next Sunday, April 10th.**

PARENTS! If you want your student included, we need their name and college address (or home, if they're living locally). We don't want to overlook anyone but need your help! How? Fill out a sheet at the College Care table; or contact the church office; or use an attendance slip. Questions? Contact Chris Duran at 216-577-5164, or Sarah Richter at 440-263-4600.

DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE AT CHURCH Items set out for distribution must be cleared through the Elders and Pastor in advance. If you have something you'd like distributed, please leave it for Pastor in his mailbox or in the Church Office. Include your contact information for any follow-up questions. Thank you.

PASSION WALK Zion Lutheran Church, in Valley City is hosting their 12th Annual event on 2 days - Saturday, April 9th & Sunday, April 10th. Both will run continually from 6:15-8:00 PM. Handicapped accessible; call 330-483-3873 or go to: www.zion.org for further information.

GOD'S DESIGN: GENDER AND SEXUALITY

Responding to Today's Challenges with Faithfulness and Grace Sundays, at 9:30 AM*

God created humanity in His image—male and female He created them—to be companions, lovers, parents, and helpers. Sin has corrupted these good gifts. Today we continue to face challenges to God's good design for men and women. It can be difficult to know how to respond to these challenges with grace and faithfulness to God's Word, especially when it involves our family, friends, loved ones, or our own desires.

Over the course of this study we'll look at issues such as:

- Temptation, repentance & forgiveness
- Sexual sins: heterosexual & homosexual
- Transgenderism
- Marriage & family
- Living a chaste & decent life in what we say & do
- Loving our neighbor who is in sexual sin
- Opportunities to submit questions discreetly

*Sessions can be streamed live or on-demand YouTube, facebook, or spvc.org

ADULT CHOIR Come sing with us! The adult choir will be making a joyful noise on Good Friday and Easter morning. Music is available at the Welcome Center. Rehearsals are on Sundays at 9:00 AM (after early service) and on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM (before each Lent evening service). Contact Sarah Moser with any questions at 440-453-0180.

LWML CLOTHING DRIVE: We are accepting clothing April through mid-May. We will be taking them to Trinity, Cleveland; a date will be set soon. Please bring them to the church and place them in the room downstairs behind the kitchen area.

HAND BELL CHOIR rehearsals are on Sundays at 12-1:00 PM. We will practice until the week before Palm Sunday, playing on Good Friday and Palm Sunday.

PORTALS OF PRAYER the April-June devotion booklets are available in the Narthex hallway, please take one home today.

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE We are taking a door offering to provide relief to those affected by the war in Ukraine. Thank you to everyone who has shown their generosity.

WITNESSES TO CHRIST daily devotionals are still available in the Narthex hallway, grab yours today!

LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES is looking for a full-time Intervention Specialist at Holy Cross Lutheran School in Cleveland OH. Applicants would need to be an Intervention Specialist. Interested applicants looking for more information or wishing to submit a resume are asked to contact Richard Schumacher at 734-748-5253, or email him at: rschumacher@luthsped.org

COMMUNION OPPORTUNITIES

Pastor is still providing individual communion opportunities for the foreseeable future.

1. Check the posted times for “walk-in” communion below.
2. Scheduling an appointment with Pastor at church or in your home.

“Walk-In” times at Church:

- Sundays, 12 – 2pm
- Tuesdays, 5 – 7pm

Scheduling an appointment for communion at church or in your home:

- To schedule a time other than the walk-in times
 - Call Pastor 440-458-0189
 - Visit www.spvc.org and click “Book with Pastor” to see available times for appointments.

TITHES & OFFERINGS are needed; our Lord still provides for us and we return to Him a portion of His generosity. You have several ways to continue contributing:

1. In-person Worship on Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 AM
2. Mail your contributions to the church.
3. Talk to your bank about "bill-pay" options. They can likely send a check directly to the church on a scheduled basis.
4. Visit www.spvc.org and click on "Give Online" - you'll be taken to our secure online giving site where you can make a one-time or on-going contribution.

WATCH LIVE OR ON-DEMAND 8:00 AM on Sundays, or on-demand at YouTube, Facebook, or www.spvc.org – on the homepage is a viewer for the livestream (when active) and for the most recent service. Bulletins are available via the link. Select the bulletin for the date of the service you are watching.

IN-PERSON SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS watch LIVE or On-Demand just like our worship services (YouTube, Facebook, or www.spvc.org) on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM.

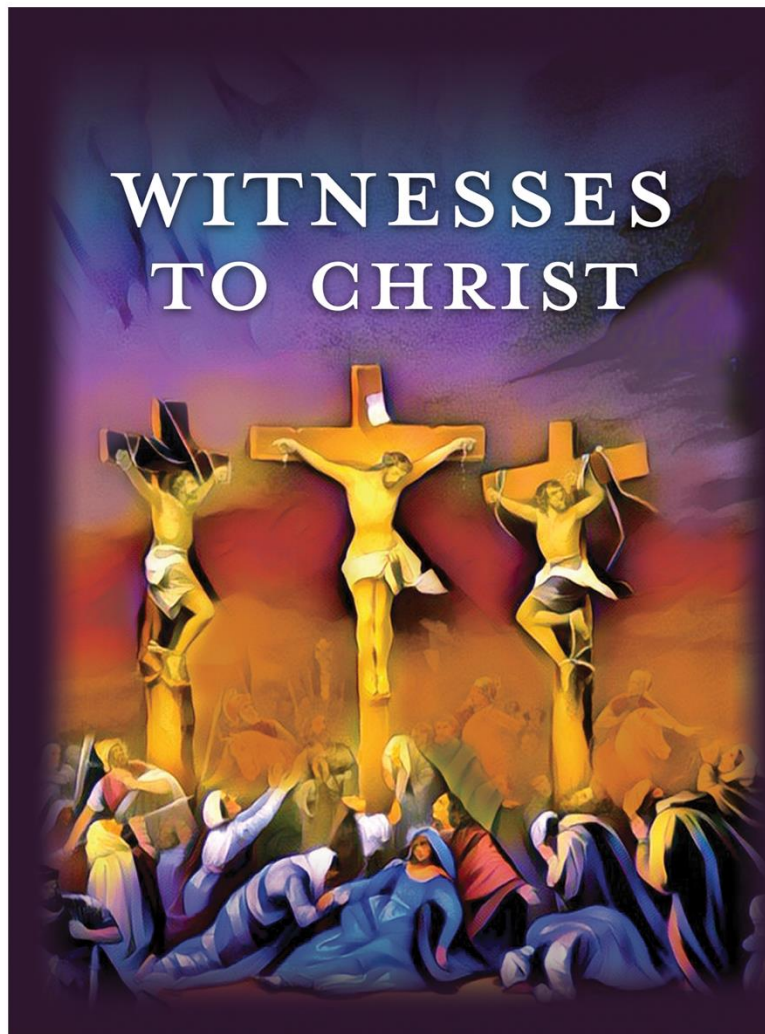
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY at 10AM. Attend in-person or watch the stream live and on-demand.

HANDSHAKES - FIST BUMPS - HUGS? We realize that greeting one another is a personal thing and Pastor will allow you to take the lead in this greeting. Thank you.

PASTORAL CARE Should you desire pastoral care, please contact the church office 330.483.3883, or 330.483.4119 and leave a message for Pastor.

RECYCLE WORSHIP BULLETINS You're encouraged to take home your worship bulletins (use the scriptures, hymns and prayers for your own devotions!). Or, please use the blue recycle tub that is located in the hallway as you leave the sanctuary. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS can be sent to prayer@spvc.org - also, email there to join the prayer chain and receive all the updates.



WORSHIP FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday, March 2

11:30am - Worship (Study @ 10am)

7:00pm - Worship

Lord's Supper celebrated at both services

Wednesdays in Lent

11:30am - Worship (Study @ 10am)

7:00pm - Worship

Maundy Thursday

(Divine Service with the Lord's Supper)

April 14, 11:30am & 7:00pm

Good Friday

April 15, 11:30am & 7:00pm

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 16, 7:00pm

Easter Sunday: April 17

8 & 10:30am Festival Divine Service

Stream all services LIVE or ON-DEMAND at
www.spvc.org

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RETURNING TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

- **Masks**
 - Masks are entirely voluntary.
 - Some may prefer to continue to wear a mask. Please respect their personal choice.
- **Entering Church:** Sanitize your hands as you arrive, please.
- **Bulletins:** We will continue to use the bulletin format with the entire service printed in it. Hymnals will return to the pews if you prefer to use them for singing and liturgy.
- **Seating During Worship: *Update 3/13: We have returned to an “open seating” format.***
- **Offerings:** The offering plates won’t be passed and will remain at the table at the entrance. Feel free to continue to use automatic giving via your bank or our website.
- **Leaving Church:** We will return to an open dismissal of the congregation. The Ushers will not be dismissing rows. Feel free to exit your pew whenever you are ready.
- **Communion Distribution:** We will return to receiving communion at the altar rail in our previous pattern with a few adjustments:
 - Procedure:
 - Take your place at the communion rail filling from left to right (lectern to pulpit).
 - After you receive the Body and Blood of Christ, you may exit the rail and return to your seat via the fellowship hall around to the back of the church.
 - Individual cups can be placed in the basket by the pulpit on your way out the side door.
 - Common Cup is available if you desire to receive communion this way. (If you have concerns about transmission of disease via the common cup, see Pastor as he can provide a variety of resources that have previously shown that the common cup is not a vector for infection.)
 - If—for any reason—you prefer to receive communion while remaining at your seat, please let an usher know as you arrive so that we can bring communion to you.

Prayers for Worship

On entering a church

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

Before worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for His sake. Amen.

After worship

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Before confession and absolution

Almighty, everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy You sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may be ever watchful and live true and godly lives in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Before communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send me Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

For blessing on the Word

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.