FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 3, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

Prelude "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" -David Lasky "My Song Is Love Unknown" -Michael Burkhardt

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: "O Christ, You Walked the Road"

LSB 424



- 1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.
- 2 No bread of earth a lone Can fill our hun g'ring hearts.
- 3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a bove.
- 4 When lures of eas y gain With prom ise bright ly shine,
- 5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp - ta - tion's pow'r And fought our an - cient foe. Lord, help us seek Your liv - ing Word, The food Your grace im - parts. Lord, help us place our trust a - lone In Your un - swerv-ing love. Lord, help us seek Your king - dom first; Our wills with Yours a - lign. Stay with us through temp - ta - tion's hour To fight our an - cient foe.

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- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

Introit

Psalm 3:3–6; antiphon: v. 8

(The congregation will chant the verses in **bold**.)



Salvation belongs | to the LORD;*

your blessing be on your | people!

But you, O LORD, are a shield a- | bout me,* my glory, and the lifter | of my head.

I cried aloud to the LORD,*

and he answered me from his | holy hill.

I lay | down and slept;*

I woke again, for the LORD sus- | tained me.

I will not be afraid of many thousands of | people* who have set themselves against me | all around.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Salvation belongs | to the LORD;* your blessing be on your | people!

Kyrie: "Kyrie! God, Father"

(Choir)

Kyrie! God, Father in heav'n above,

You abound in gracious love,

Of all things the maker and preserver.

Eleison! Eleison!

Kyrie! O Christ, our king,

Salvation for all You came to bring.

O Lord Jesus, God's own Son,

Our mediator at the heav'nly throne:

Hear our cry and grant our supplication.

Eleison! Eleison!

Kyrie! O God the Holy Ghost,

Guard our faith, the gift we need the most,

And bless our life's last hour,

That we leave this sinful world with gladness.

Eleison! Eleison!

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

Lent 5

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- 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.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. 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. 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, the 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 (Choir and Bells)

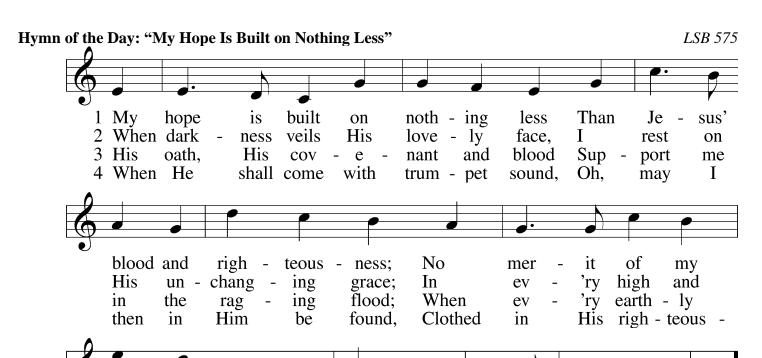
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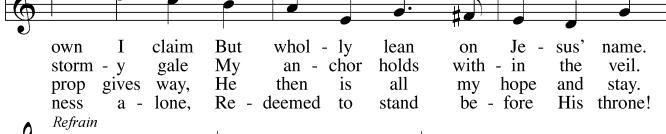
[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,* the founder and perfecter | of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,* and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

EpistlePhilippians 3:1-11

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. For we are the real circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh—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: 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; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 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 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— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.







sand.

On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing

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Gospel Acclamation for Lent (Choir and Bells)

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

Holy Gospel

Luke 20:9–20

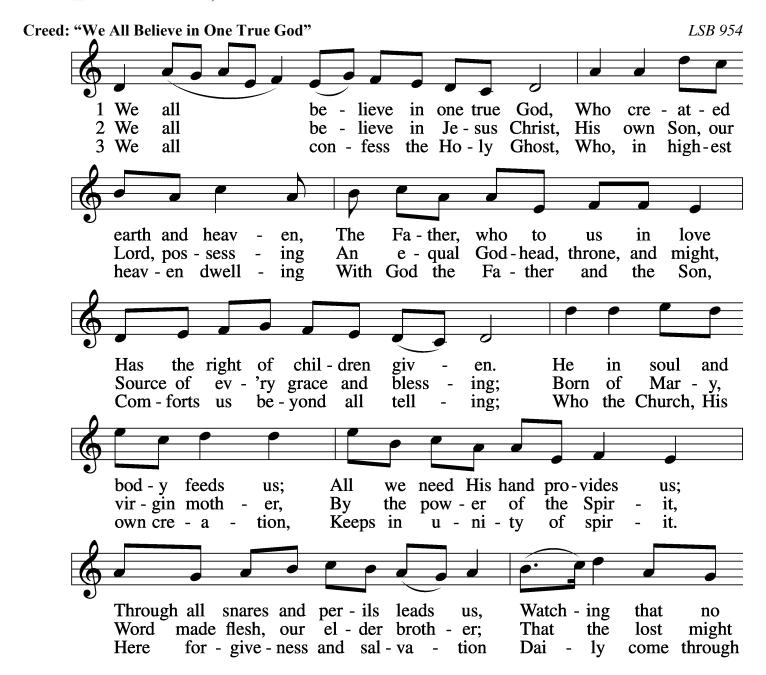
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

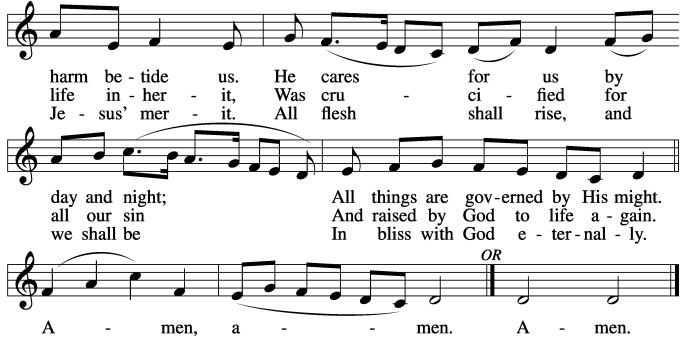
C Glory to You, O Lord.

[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. 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. And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' 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.' And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When

they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" 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'? Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." 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. So 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.
- Praise to You, O Christ.





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Sermon

If you ever teach or coach kids, you find out quickly that you will often need to repeat yourself because not everyone is paying attention. It gets taxing, and old, pretty quick. I remember once being half-way through the season, and hitting my frustration point. I remember saying, "I'm only going to say this once, and anyone who doesn't listen will be doing laps." So I explained the drill we were going to do, and finished by saying, "Are there any questions?" One kid raised his hand and said, "Can you repeat that? I wasn't paying attention." Thinking it was a joke, I said, "Are you serious?" He said, "Yeah, dead serious. What did you say?" "I'll tell you after you run a few laps. Anyone else have any questions?" Surprisingly, there were none! Repeating yourself can get old.

Paul the Apostle is a bit more patient than I was that day at practice. He doesn't mind repeating himself, and does so, joyfully. "To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you." Paul doesn't mind repeating the wonderful truths of our Christian faith to the Philippians, and all people. We can't hear them enough. We need to constantly be reminded of them. As Luther famously says, "I preach the Gospel to you every week because you keep forgetting it." We need to constantly be encouraged in them. We need to be regrounded in them after another week of living in a sinful and fallen world, where our faith is attacked, weakened, and challenged. Paul has no problem repeating to the Philippians, and us, the wonderful truths of our Christian faith. As we enter the final stretch of Lent, what does Paul remind us of? He reminds us of our joy in Christ, our standing in Christ, and our life in Christ.

Paul starts by saying, "**Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord**." Joy in Christ is one of the main themes in Philippians, and Paul will devote a significant portion in the next chapter talking about it. Joy in Christ is something the Apostle loves to talk about. Our world, though, doesn't. Our world would rather talk about happiness, than joy. Have you ever been asked, "Are you joyful?" or is it, "are you happy?" Have you been told, "Do what makes you joyful?", or is it, "do what makes you happy?" It's the latter, isn't it?

Happiness and joy aren't the same thing. They aren't synonymous terms. External gifts like health, wealth, hobbies, family, friends, and the like are awesome blessings from God. They can make us happy, but they aren't essential for joy. Why is that? Happiness is determined by what is going on around me. I can't control that. You can't control. It is out of our hands.

Joy is different. Joy is determined by what is going on inside of me, and God has taken control of that. Jesus once said, "No one will take your joy from you." Why is that? Remember, happiness is

determined by what is going on around me, while joy is determined by what is going on *inside of me*. And God has taken control of that by sending Jesus Who is the doorway to deliverance, the pathway to peace, and the gateway to glory. Jesus' mercy is matchless. His goodness is limitless. His love never changes. His grace is sufficient. His Word is enough. His reign is righteous forevermore! No one can take this joy from you.

Joy stems the tide of gloom and despair, and gives hope in the midst of uncertainty. Joy gives calm in the midst of life's chaotic storms. We can experience life's biggest losses and pain, but we can never lose Christ and the gifts He gives us. We still have that joy in Him, even though our hearts ache and cry out. Our joy is anchored in Him, and comes from Him and the Gospel gifts He gives. No wonder Paul loves to remind, "Rejoice in the Lord!"

He also loves to remind about our *standing in Christ*. He says, "**Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh.**" With these words, Paul refers to the same enemy who is threatening the Philippians and their faith: a group of people called the Judaizers. The Judaizers were Jews or gentile converts to Christianity who claimed to believe in Jesus as their Savior, but they also taught that in addition to believing in Jesus, *it was also necessary* to keep certain ceremonial laws from the Old Testament, like circumcision. To them, salvation was this equation: faith in Christ + keeping the Old Testament laws = salvation. They confused Law and Gospel, and taught human beings could make a contribution to their own salvation.

And it this a natural human thought, and tendency, isn't it? We live in a performance based world. We are measured up, judged, seen, and evaluated in light of what we do and accomplish. It is that way at work, where our job is dependent upon our performance. It is that way at home, where what we do, or don't do, defines how good of a spouse, parent, or sibling we are. It is that way in friendships or relationship, where what we do determines how good we are. Even how people see us is often determined by outer metrics and performance, too. Since this is how our world works, it is natural to then think that this would carry over to our relationship with God, especially since He has given us His Law and standards.

Paul applies these harsh terms to the Judaizers because they were attacking the very heart of the Gospel. They were seeking to substitute it with a mixture of divine grace and works. He says the confidence and hope that is placed in human works and externalities is not just misguided, it is dangerous. He uses his former life as an example.

Paul says that if anyone was going to be saved by works and keeping the Law, it would have been him. He was of true, and pure Jewish background. He belonged to the Pharisees, was a zealous believer to the point of being a persecuter, and blameless according to the Law. However, when he met Christ, when he came to faith, he saw these things for what they really were. And sadly, it just doesn't get captured in English. He considered his former accomplishments as "loss, *zemia*." *Zemia* also means "damage," or "disadvantage." He ends up calling his confidence in them as harmful, and detrimental. It made his standing with God *worse*. He also considers them as "rubbish, *skybalon*, which refers to things that are *useless and undesirable*; the word can also mean *feces, manure, garbage, or kitchen scraps*. Paul says that what we do *will not save us, or make us right with God*. What then, does?

The righteousness of Christ. Paul says, "For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 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". Paul says we have been given a righteousness that is not our own, Jesus'. His is enough; ours never will be. His is all encompassing; ours will always fall short. His is sufficient; ours never will be. With the righteousness of Christ, we can stand before the judgement seat of God and having nothing to fear. The verdict will be "not guilty!" On the basis of this righteousness alone, God accepts sinful human beings as His children. Our relationship with God is not based on anything we have done or will do, but on what Jesus has done for us, and freely given. And since our relationship with God is based on this, we can live securely, confidently, and in hope, knowing that what Jesus has done for us *is enough* before God. We don't have to worry or work. We can serve sincerely, love genuinely, and live fully because our love and service are not done for standing or credit. Christ has secured our standing before God by His perfect life, death, and resurrection. Again, no wonder Paul loves to repeat that!

He loves to repeat our life in Christ, too. As one theologian says, "Everywhere he [Paul] teaches about the slaying of the old man and the renewing of the inner man." That is precisely what Paul proclaims,

here. "that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like Him in his death" Paul is talking about living a real life of faith rooted in the death and resurrection of Jesus, wrought and applied to us in baptism. It is a life lived in the power of His resurrection. His resurrection is the basis of the new life, and strength for it, as the Spirit Who raised Christ from the dead lives and works in us. Imagine that! Amazing! Life changing! The Spirit takes us from where we were to what we will one day be. And Jesus' own resurrection that we live in makes our faith and resurrection possible. It is the old Easter proclamation, "Because He lives, I will live."

It is a life that shares His sufferings. I love how Luther frames and puts this concept. He says, "As God's servants, we should impress on our hearts that we should be ready and willing to suffer what comes our way because Christ did so much for us. We should think along these lines: 'Though completely innocent, my Lord served me and gave His life for me. Why should I refuse to serve Him in return? He was entirely pure and without sin. Yet He humbled Himself, shed His blood, and died, wiping out my sin. Shouldn't I also suffer a little bit if this pleases Him?...For if a master walks ahead and steps in the mud, it's only reasonable for his servant to follow him through the mud." As Luther puts it, it is a privilege and honor to share in those sufferings.

And it is a life that shares in His death. Each day in baptism, our Lord puts to death our sinful desires and wants, and the new man emerges up. Our sinful nature is crucified with Christ. As Paul writes in Galatians 2, "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me." Paul can't help but remind others of our life in Christ, a life that knows the power of His resurrection, shares in His suffering, and becomes like Him in His death.

As we approach the final stretch of Lent, we give thanks to God for Paul's repeating. We really cannot hear enough of our joy in Christ, our standing in Christ, and our life in Christ.

Prayer of the Church

Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

- **C** hear our prayer.
- May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- **P** We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Offering "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" - Valerie Shields

We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you leave the sanctuary.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 216

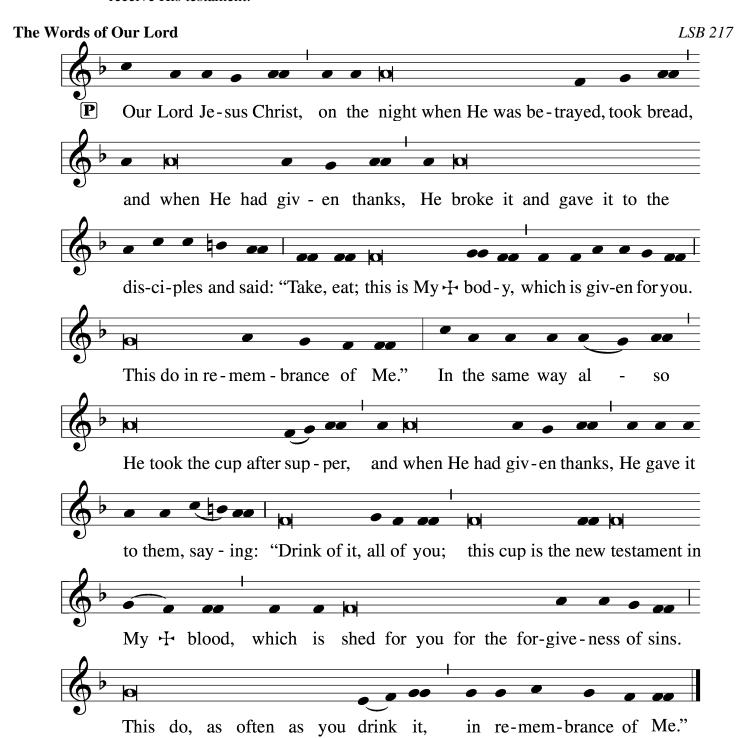
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to 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. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

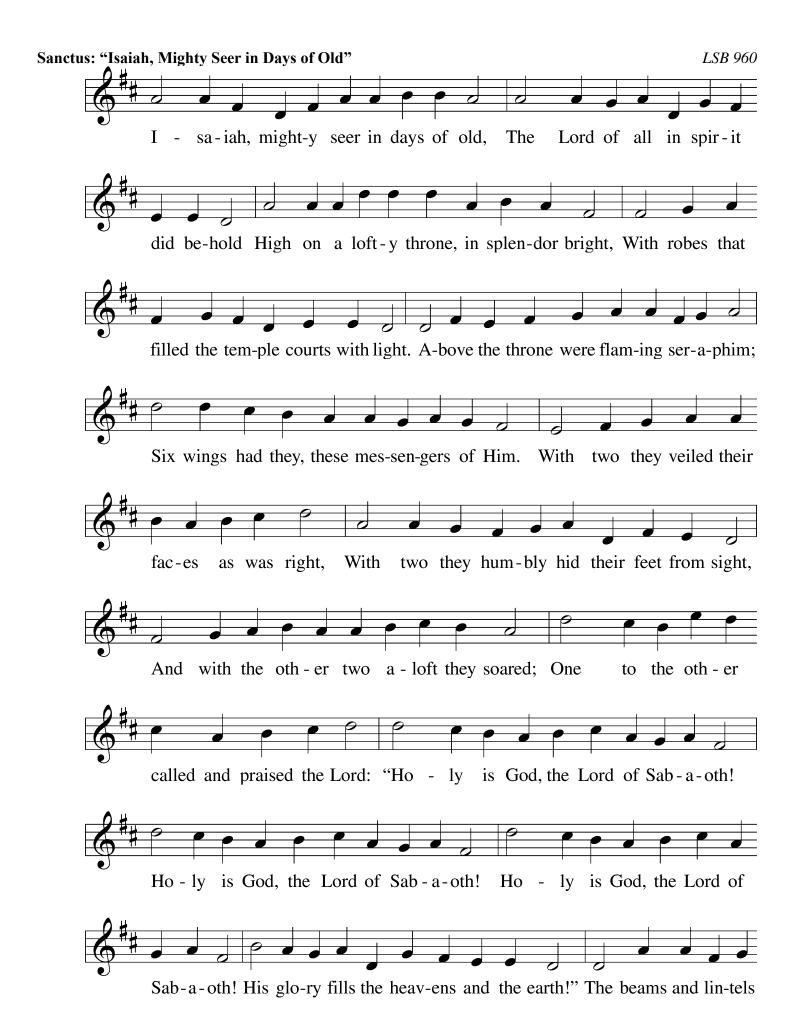
Lord's Prayer

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.

In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:







trem-bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

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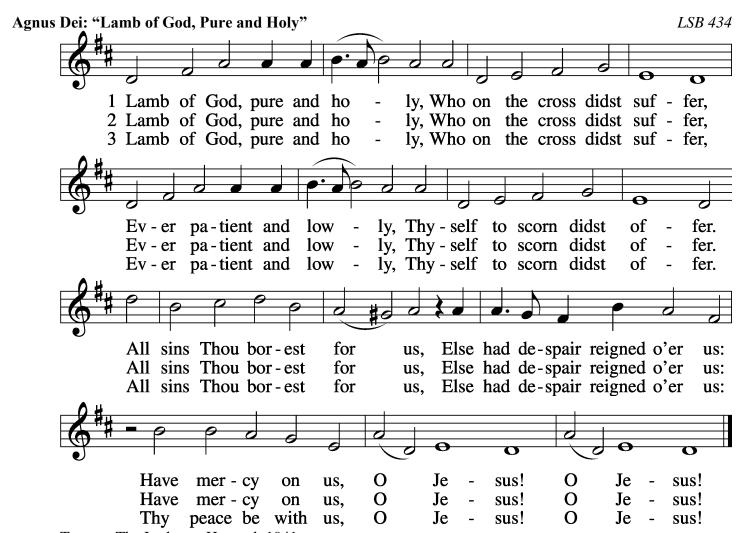
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



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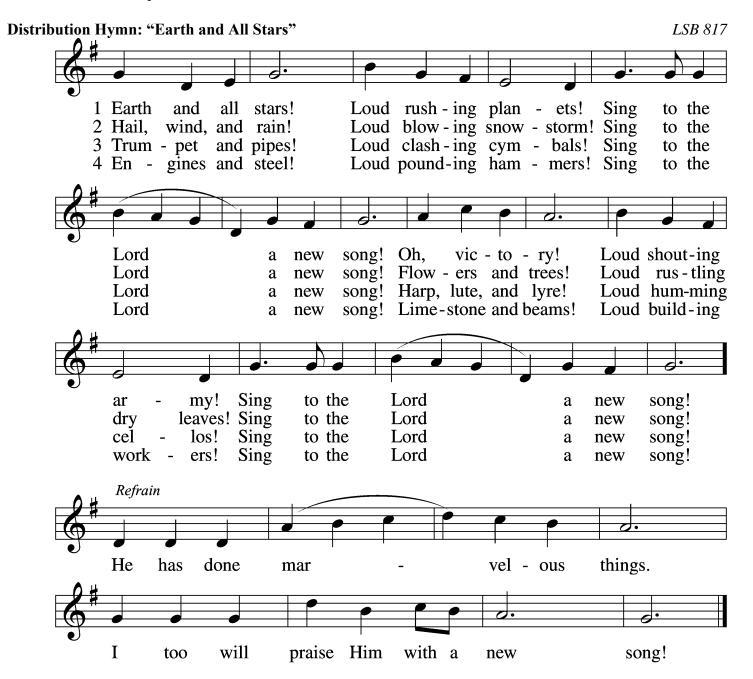
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Distribution

You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and

blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing. You may kneel, but it is not required.



5 Classrooms and labs!
Loud boiling test tubes!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band!
Loud cheering people!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

6 Knowledge and truth!

Loud sounding wisdom!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Daughter and son!

Loud praying members!

Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

7 Children of God,

Dying and rising,

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Heaven and earth,

Hosts everlasting,

Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

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Post-Communion Hymn: "In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"

(Choir)

1 In peace and joy I now depart

Since God so wills it.

Serene and confident my heart;

Stillness fills it.

For the Lord has promised me

That death is but a slumber.

2 Christ Jesus brought this gift to me,

My faithful Savior,

Whom You have made my eyes to see

By Your favor.

Now I know He is my life,

My friend when I am dying.

3 You sent the people of the earth

Their great salvation;

Your invitation summons forth

Ev'ry nation

By Your holy, precious Word,

In ev'ry place resounding.

4 Christ is the hope and saving light

Of those in blindness:

He guides and comforts those in night

By His kindness.

For Your people Israel

In Him find joy and glory.

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Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward

You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

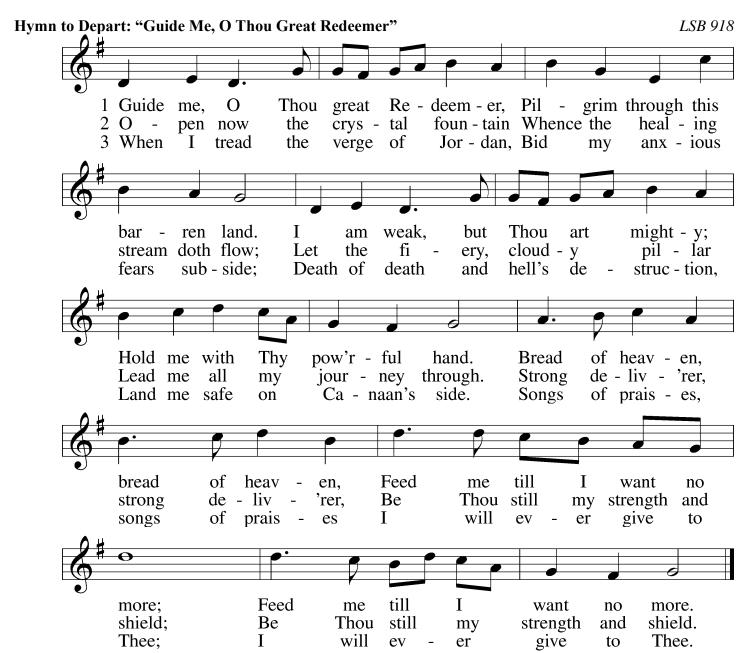
C Amen.

Benedicamus LSB 218

- **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.



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Postlude "Savior, When in Dust to You" - Marilyn Brattskar

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Divine Service, Setting Five from Lutheran Service Book

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: Luke 20:16 – "He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.' When they heard this, they said, 'Surely not!' "The crowds were shocked at Jesus' parable because they took the grace of God for granted. They never thought that God would actually take "the vineyard" away from them. But we only have access to God by faith. And we can drive faith and the Holy Spirit away. That is the warning of the parable. The Lord has graciously given us His Kingdom. Let us not take it for granted but instead respond with humble thanksgiving!

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES: Join us on Wednesdays through April 6 at 11:30 a.m. We will not be having luncheons this year. An evening service will be held at 7:00 at Bethel Lutheran Church (670 Wheelock Pkwy W, St. Paul).

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Maundy Thursday (April 14) and Good Friday (April 15) services will be held at Emmaus at 11:30 a.m. Evening services will be held at 7:00 at Bethel Lutheran Church (670 Wheelock Pkwy W, St. Paul).

EASTER DECORATING: It's time to plan for our 2022 Easter decorating. The church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday, April 16th at 9:30 a.m. If you would like to participate, please sign-up on the Easter Decorating Sign-Up Sheet on the table in the Narthex. It should not take more than two hours. If you can spare the time, we would appreciate your help. Let us know if you have any questions. Thank you, Chris and Mark

THE EASTER MEMORIAL GARDEN donation slip in the narthex provides an opportunity to remember departed loved ones and contribute toward the cost of Easter decorations. Complete the slip, enclose it in the envelope provided along with your donation and drop in the collection plate or hand to an usher. Those who wish to pick up their Easter lilies may do so after the 9:30 am Easter service.

EASTER BREAKFAST – **TO-GO:** And help with the Federwitz family's moving fund! Easter Breakfast to-go will be available on Easter Sunday. Yummy Easter treats will be part of a bag/box to go on Easter Sunday after our worship service. A free will offering will be taken that will go towards the Federwitz family's moving fund. A Thrivent Action grant is funding the meals. Please contact Maria in the Emmaus office with an RSVP if you would like a bag. Extra bags will be available, but an RSVP will help determine how many bags should be made.

THANK YOU! To all who sent greetings on my 95th birthday, thanks a million! God bless you all! -Lenore

MAIL, MUFFINS, FUN & FELLOWSHIP: Members of <u>all</u> ages, join us the morning of Saturday, April 9th, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. in Social Hall to write personalized Easter greetings to be mailed to all members and friends of our congregation. Cards (with original artwork by fellow congregant Bea H), supplies, and stamps will be provided. Come prepared to write a note or draw a picture. Many hands make light work, and what a blessing to gather together again! Sweet and savory muffins will be served along with juice and coffee. Supplies and treats will be provided through a Thrivent grant and free-will offering. See you there!

REJOICE IN HOPE! 29th Biennial LWML MN South District Convention: Thursday, June 16 – Saturday, June 18, 2022 at Willmar Conference Center (240 23rd St SE, Willmar, MN). For more information visit www.mnslwml.org.

JEENA'S BUSINESS is now open! You can visit Namaste Brows & Boutique at 1718B Lexington Ave N in Roseville. Brochures are available in the office. www.namastebrowsandboutique.com

FEDERWITZ FAMILY: The Federwitz family is moving back to the USA this June. With that comes the expense of shipping their belongings. In June Jonathan will take a new assignment at the Jaars mission aviation headquarters in Waxhaw, NC. Wycliffe Bible Translators has established a special launch expense account that can be used to help meet the financial needs associated with shipping things from PNG to the USA, purchasing a vehicle, and setting up a home. The budget set for this account is \$25,000. If you would like to give to the special launch expense account, please send your gift to Wycliffe Bible Translators, P.O. Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862 and include a separate note stating "Preference for the Launch Expense Account of Jonathan & Carrie Federwitz # 359951 - LE." (Note: Gifts for the launch expense account should go to Wycliffe, not to LBT.) You can also give to the launch expense account online: www.wycliffe.org/partner/jcfederwitz. On the page that opens, find the drop-down box that says "Wycliffe Ministry Budget" and change it to "Launch Expense Account." Then enter an amount and click "Give." The launch expense account will be open through June. Please contact Jonathan if you would like more details. Jonathan_Federwitz@wycliffe.org

HEAR "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: "Drawn Through the Cross" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about people drawing the cross and how the cross is drawing people. (Luke 23:34)

CA "ROARING 2020S" AUCTION ON APRIL 9: Celebrate Concordia Academy at the annual CA Dinner Auction on April 9 at 5:00 p.m. This event includes silent and live auctions, games, dinner, music by the Riverside Swing Band, dancing, and so much fun! Get details and purchase your tickets at www.concordiaacademy.com/auction.

CONCORDIA NEBRASKA BAND CONCERT ON APRIL 10: The St. Paul area is privileged to have the Concordia University-Nebraska Band, directed by Kurt von Kampen, stopping at Concordia Academy on their spring tour. On Palm Sunday, April 10, they will be presenting a concert at 7:00 p.m. in the CA Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public; a free-will offering will be gathered. Following the concert, the band is looking for host homes. If you are interested in hosting a pair of college musicians, please contact Rebecca Fritz at rebecca.fritz@concordiaacademy.com or 651-796-2663.

KING OF KINGS BASKETBALL CAMP & PROGRAM: King of Kings is hosting both a camp and a summer program. Basketball camp will focus on boys and girls who are going into 4th-6th grade this fall. The basketball program will focus on boys who are going into 6th-8th grade this fall. For more information, check out the posters on the bulletin board by the office.

LWML Spring Rally Lutheran Women's Missionary League St. Paul Metro Zone

Saturday, April 9, 2022 – 9:30-11:00 a.m. 9 a.m. registration and refreshments

King of Kings Lutheran Church 2330 Dale Street N Roseville, MN 55113 (enter from the north parking lot door)

Presentation: Rev Dr. Fung Lo, missionary, speaking about Hmong International Mission work in Southeast Asia and leading singing using Hmong musical instruments:

- "Amazing Grace"
- "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus"
- "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Bible Devotion, Music, LWML news

Attend in person or view online

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King of Kings Lutheran Church and School YouTube

Freewill donation, offering

Plan to attend? Notify Beth bdschust@msn.com or leave a message 651-631-8956.