

LENT 5

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WELCOME!

If you are a friend who's been here before, welcome back. If you are a first-time visitor, welcome! We'd appreciate it if you would leave your name and address in one of our guest books located in either entry way. Children's bulletins and crayons are available on the counter beneath the mailboxes in the fellowship hall. If you need to take your child out during the service, you can hear and see the church service in our cry room area located between our worship space and the fellowship hall. If we can serve you in any way, please let us know God bless your worship!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

AS MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, OUR MISSION IS TO PROCLAIM GOD'S GOSPEL OF SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST TO WIN SOULS FOR CHRIST, NURTURE BELIEVERS, AND EQUIP THEM FOR LIVES OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

THE LORD'S SUPPER – Out of obedience to the command of our Lord and as an expression of Christian love for everyone concerned, we practice close communion. We invite all who are communicant members of Prince of Peace or visitors who belong to our W.E.L.S. fellowship to receive the Lord's Supper with us. **If you are not a communicant member of a Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Church or belong to a different fellowship, faith, or even a different Lutheran church body, we ask that you please refrain from communing.**

In making this request, we are not implying that you are not a Christian. God's Word teaches us to regard Communion as an outward expression of unity in all areas of faith. (1 Corinthians 1:10, Romans 16:17 and 1 Corinthians 10:17.) God's Word warns us that any communicant who does not recognize that the body and blood of Christ really are present in the Sacrament brings judgment on himself (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Scripture also requires each communicant to examine himself (1 Corinthians 11:28) before receiving the Lord's body and blood together with the bread and wine.

We thank you for your cooperation in respecting our practice of closed communion. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Franck after the service.

The time before worship begins is a sacred time for meditation, prayer, and worship preparation. As we gather in the sanctuary, let's quietly reflect on God's blessings and direction in the Scripture readings included in the worship folder.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: Worship Folder

ORGANIST: Allison Franck

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 256: How Great Thou Art

**1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"**

**2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"**

**3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"**

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation

**And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"**

PRAYER

Pastor: Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen

Pastor: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Congregation: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins.
Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

Congregation Sings (Hymn 106)

**Come to Cal-v'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall; Here a pure and healing fountain flows to you, to me, to all,
in a full, perpetual tide, opened when our Savior died.**

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: God our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ

and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Sings (Hymn 106)

He that drinks shall live forever; 'Tis a soul renewing flood.

God is faithful; God will never break his covenant of blood, signed when our Redeemer died, sealed when he was glorified.

THE FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Jeremiah 31:31 “The time is coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. 33 “This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 34 No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

THE PSALM: Psalm 143

We join the psalmist David in acknowledging our helplessness and turning in trust to God.

Pastor: O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy.

Congregation: **In your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.**

Pastor: Do not bring your servant into judgment,

Congregation: **for no one living is righteous before you.**

Pastor: Answer me quickly, O LORD; my spirit fails.

Congregation: **Do not hide your face from me.**

Pastor: Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put

my trust in you.

Congregation: Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

Pastor: Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;

Congregation: May your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 12:20-33

20 Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast. 21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” 22 Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. 23 Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. 25 The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. 27 “Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name!” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” 29 The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. 30 Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. 31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. 32 But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.” 33 He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

HYMN 138: Oh, Perfect Life of Love

**1 Oh, perfect life of love! All, all is finished now,
All that he left his throne above to do for us below.**

**2 No work is left undone of all the Father willed;
His toil, his sorrows, one by one, the Scriptures have fulfilled.**

**3 No pain that we can share but he has felt its smart;
All forms of human grief and care have pierced that tender heart.**

4 And on his thorn-crowned head and on his sinless soul

Our sins in all their guilt were laid that he might make us whole.

**5 In perfect love he dies; for me he dies, for me!
O all-atoning Sacrifice, you died to make me free!**

**6 In ev'ry time of need, before the judgment throne,
Your works, O Lamb of God, I'll plead, your merits, not my own.**

OUR MEDITATION: Hebrews 5:7-9

7 During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered 9 and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

What A Troubled, Fulfilling Life!

1 Jesus learned obedience from what he suffered.

What was his suffering like?

Why did he suffer to this degree

2 Now we obey him.

How can we possibly obey him?

Why does our obedience also involve suffering?

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

The offering will be received as you are ushered out after the service in the fellowship hall so that offering plates are not passed. The offering plate is located next to the bulletin table in the fellowship hall.

PRAYER/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.

THE SACRAMENT

HYMN 309: Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

**1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
Offered was he for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and himself the priest.**

**2 He that his saints in this world rules and shields
To all believers life eternal yields,
With heav'n-ly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsty soul.**

**3 Come forward, then, with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.**

**Before your altar, Lord, your servants bow;
In this your feast of love be with us now.**

SILENT PRAYER

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others.

LORD'S SUPPER CONSECRATION AND DISTRIBUTION

Our communion distribution practice will be quite different for the time being. We are using individually packaged communion cups and wafers, which you picked up with your bulletin in the fellowship hall. You will not be ushered forward to the communion rail. Instead, Pastor will consecrate and bless the reception of the body and blood of Christ from the altar area. Our communicants will open and receive the bread/body and wine/blood of Christ while remaining seated.

SILENT PRAYER

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send my out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

PRAYER

BLESSING

HYMN 316: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

**1 O Jesus, blessed Lord, to thee My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me thy body and thy blood.**

**2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart—How blest am I! How good thou art!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Hour follows our worship this morning.
In adult Bible hour we continue our study of Proverbs. Join us!

2. Confirmation meets on Monday, March 22nd, 3:30-5:00 pm.
3. Midweek Lent services continue on this Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm.
4. Online Bible Class Continues.

The Format:

I send out weekly study guides in a congregational email on Mondays. You have an opportunity to work through the study guides at home.

I post an online video in which I work through the weekly study guide on Wednesdays. This video is sent out as a congregational email, just like our weekly worship services.

This week, we continue our study of 2 Peter.

5. Thursday morning Bible class meets at 10:00 am. We are continuing our study of Deuteronomy. Join us!

6. Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday – March 28, 9:30 am worship service

Maundy Thursday - April 1, 7:00 pm worship service

Good Friday – April 2, 1:00 pm worship service

Easter Sunday – April 4, 9:30 am worship service