



Philippians 3:20



✝ *Sunday, March 16, 2025* ✝
✝ *Second Sunday in Lent* ✝
✝ *Praise Service – 10:30 am* ✝

Welcome in Jesus' Name

May God richly bless you as you worship Him. If you are a guest with us, we want you to feel welcome; you honor us with your presence, and we are glad to have you here. Please fill out the Attendance Registration form in your bulletin. Prayer requests can also be made on the same insert.

Holy Communion

We celebrate the Lord's Supper as part of our worship service, on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month during the 8:30am service and the 2nd & 4th Sunday during the 10:30am service. We invite those who share our confession of faith, namely, that Jesus is truly present in, with & under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to commune with us. Those who share a different confession or have not yet been instructed in the Lord's Supper are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. We offer individual cups. The light-colored cups in the center are grape juice instead of wine. Pastor will be available prior to the worship service to answer any questions about Holy Communion.

To Our Guests

We often have guests in worship from all over the world. Please introduce yourself to Pastor or a Greeter before or after the worship service.

Restrooms

Restrooms and changing tables are located out the back of the sanctuary and down the hallway.

Out of respect for your fellow worshippers & those who have diligently prepared for this worship service, we ask that you **silence your cell phones** & keep conversation to a minimum prior to the service.

Large Print Bulletin: If you desire a sight-saving bulletin, please ask an usher.

*Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by
The Zuniga family and Irma Quiroz in memory of their sister Mary
Elizabeth's birthday.*

Prelude by Mark and Phil

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand

Opening Song

Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion, A love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me

Everyone needs forgiveness, The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

(Chorus)

Saviour, he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of Salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as you find me, All my fears and failures
Fill my life again

I give my life to follow, Everything that I believe in
Now I surrender

(Chorus)

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen king Jesus
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(Chorus)

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** God we are weak. That is our excuse for our actions against both you and our neighbor. Without Your grace and mercy we would be lost. Therefore, allow us to come forward, repent of our sins, and for the sake of Jesus, please forgive us. Search our hearts as we repent:
- C** **God my excuses are worthless. All I can do is fully repent of my sins, admit my wrongs, and plead for your forgiveness. For the sake of Jesus, I ask for Your forgiveness, mercy, and grace. Lead me by Your Word and Spirit to walk according to Your ways, that in all things, I live a godly life in both word and deed. Help me I pray, dear Father, to love You and my neighbor the way that You command me. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.**
- P** God is great, God is good, and today, we can stand here knowing that He has forgiven us. This is not done because of any merit or worthiness in us. It is simply God's grace and the promise that is ours in and through Jesus Christ. Go forth in peace knowing that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Responsive Reading

Isaiah 40

- P** Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
- C** **Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.**
- P** A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- C** **Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.**

- P** And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” The Word of God Stands Forever
- C** A voice says, “Cry!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.
- P** The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass.
- C** The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these?
- P** He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing.
- C** Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”?
- P** Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
- C** He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.
- P** Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
- C** they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the 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.

Please be seated

Old Testament

Jeremiah 26:8-15

A Do we appreciate God's punishment? This morning we hear as the people dislike the message of punishment and decide to put Jeremiah to death. Yet, as Jeremiah reminds them, this is a message from God and doing that will only add to the punishment. Whether we appreciate it or not, God does not punish us out of spite, but to lead us in His truth. Let us walk in His truth. The Old Testament is from Jeremiah chapter 26:

⁸When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant’?” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Philippians 3:17-4:1

- A** Do earthly things really distract us from what is good? Reflect for a moment on what you are truly after. Does it align with God's Word? Remember we are citizens of earth for only a short period of time, so let us set our hearts on heavenly things. The Epistle is from Philippians chapters 3 and 4:

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

¹Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Song

Man of Sorrows

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as He stood accused
Beaten, mocked, and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns

(Chorus)

Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out, "Hallelujah"
"Praise and honor unto Thee"

Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree

(Chorus)

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:31–35

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ³³Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ ³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! ³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed...

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Prayer

P Let us pray.

O holy and most merciful God, You have taught us the way of Your commandments. We implore You to pour out Your grace into our hearts. Cause it to bear fruit in us that, being ever mindful of Your mercies and Your laws, we may always be directed to Your will and daily increase in love toward You and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life. Help us to follow the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to walk in His steps until we shall possess the kingdom that has been prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated

Sermon Song

This I Believe

Our Father everlasting, the all-creating One
God Almighty
Through your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Savior

(Chorus)

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious light
Forever and ever

(Chorus)

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

(Chorus)

Sermon

Offering

Please stand

Offertory

Be Glorified

In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified!
In my life Lord, be glorified today.

In Your church Lord, be glorified, be glorified!
In Your church Lord, be glorified today.

Versicles

- P** Jesus said, "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites.
- C** **For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others.**
- P** Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.
- C** **But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret.**
- P** And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.
- C** **And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.**
- P** Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him."
- C** **Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**
- P** Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
- C** **Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,**
- P** give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
- C** **And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.**
- P** And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.
- C** **And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.**

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Remember the congregations of Your Church, O Lord, which You have purchased with the holy blood of Your Son. Strengthen and defend all pastors and church workers, giving them every good gift as they attend to Your people. Cause us rightly to fear Your anger and rejoice in Your redemption. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Remember us in a world convulsed by the wages of sin. As we watch nations falter, remind us that our eternal citizenship is in heaven with our Lord Jesus Christ, who will subject all things to Himself. As we watch our own bodies fail, remind us that Christ will transform our lowly bodies to be like His glorious body. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Remember the households of this congregation, O Lord. Provide help and companionship to those who live alone, and foster love between husbands and wives, parents and children, that our homes would not be places to worship our bellies, glory in shame or set our minds on earthly things, but a refuge while here and a foretaste of our heavenly home. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Remember our nation and those You have placed in authority, O Lord. Give them wisdom and integrity, and grant that neither they nor the citizens of our land would hinder Your Church or despise Your call to repentance. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Remember the sick and afflicted, O Lord [*especially* _____]. Deliver them for the sake of Christ, who cast out demons and performed cures on His way to the cross. Strengthen their faith to hold fast to Him, who rose again to raise them also. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Remember those who have gone before us. Thank you for calling them into faith, and guiding them to pass the words of hope and love that come from our Savior who declared, "I am the resurrection and the life, all who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live." Grant peace and comfort to the families and all who mourn that in all things our eyes are focused on You and You alone, for You are the only one that can heal the hurt, loss, and sorrow. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Remember us, O Lord, for the sake of Your Son, who suffered the reproach of mankind as He bore our sins to the cross. Strengthen us gladly to bear reproach in Your name and declare Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

Response

Psalm 4

P Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

C **O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?**

P But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

C **Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.**

P Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

C **There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord!"**

P You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

C In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Benediction

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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 Song

Your Grace is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

(Chorus)

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice, God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

(Chorus)

The Dismissal

P Go in peace and serve the Lord

C **Building bright futures, Anchored in Christ.**

Postlude by Mark and Phil

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We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. Part of that tension flows from immediate needs versus long-term needs in our lives. Sometimes God's people hesitate to plan because we don't know what that future will look like. It is true that if the Lord wills for you to live thirty more years, your goals or needs might change. But that should not stop you from planning today. Your estate plan is a snapshot in time, guiding things as you currently know them. You may need to adjust your plan in the future, but that shouldn't keep you from having a plan today. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Tony Hunt 260-222-1291 or tony.hunt@lfnd.org



Lent is a season of reflection, discovery, transparency, forgiveness, personal growth, and being drawn closer to Christ as our Savior and Redeemer! Over the next 40 days of Lent, the goal is for these daily scripture readings and devotions written by your District Staff, Board, and Circuit Visitors to encourage and bless you as you listen to God in His Word, think about all Jesus has done for you, and integrate these teachings into your lives.

Join us for daily devotion and prayer!

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✠8:30 am – A traditional worship service in the classic Lutheran liturgical style.

✠9:30 am – Sunday School / 9:30 am – Adult Bible Study

✠10:30 am – Praise Service – A contemporary worship service that is geared to families with young children.

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