



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 located in your bulletin. Prayer requests can also be made on the same insert. If you have a specific prayer request that you would like the Pastor to pray for during the Prayers of the Church, please fill out the bulletin insert and give it to an usher, who will then deliver it to the Pastor.

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 LWML.

Prelude by Mark and Phil

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand

Opening Song

Come Now is the Time to Worship

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God
One day ev'ry knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose you now

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come

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

C Amen.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 19

P The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

C **Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.**

- P** Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
- C** **and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**
- P** The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;
- C** **the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;**
- P** the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
- C** **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**
- P** Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.
- C** **Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.**
- P** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

Exodus 20:1-17

A We cannot hide from God's law, but the real question is why do we want to? The law of God is good, and it is developed out of His love for us. Listen to God's love this morning as we hear the delivery of the Commandments from Exodus chapter 20:

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,

²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is

within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

A This is the true law of God.

C **Thank You, God, for loving us so much to give us Your true guidance.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

A Wisdom, knowledge, IQ, and much more, mean nothing before God. If God so desired and truly flexed His muscles, then what could we do? He sent a flood to destroy the entire earth, He parted the Red Sea and the Jordan River, and He made all of us. Therefore, for those who think they are wiser, smarter, stronger, or better than God, one big question remains; who gave you those things? Yet, Paul is clear that this truth and much more is nothing more than folly to those who are perishing. Our Epistle reading is from 1st Corinthians chapter one:

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called,

both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Praise Song: Mighty to Save

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)

Holy Gospel

John 2:13-22

P Do not mess with God's House? God's house is meant for worship and truth, not deception, lies, and cheating. Yet, the people did not care, and Jesus clearly reminds them what will happen when we operate in this way. When we move from love and care for others to care for only self, we begin to replace God with our own desires. These individuals abused God's truth, abused God's people, and God said enough is enough. God loves and cares for all who believe and trust in Him, and He wants them to hear His truth. We should never destroy His house with greed and deception. Today's Holy Gospel is from St. John the second chapter.

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

¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Apostles' Creed

**☐ 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.**

Please be seated

Sermon Song

Lord, Help Me Out

Finding a place where my heart can be
I want to live so happily

(Chorus)

So Lord help me out,
I've been wandering all over town
I want to know what's wrong with my heart

Lord, you are my strength
Oh Lord, you are my rock and my Savior,
I love you Lord.
Lord, help me out, I need a place to stay
'Cause I've been wandering all night and day.

So please help me out
'Cause I know you've got a plan
You know what I need and wherever I stand.

(Chorus)

(This song was written by Ava and Elle McGuire)

Sermon

Strength is mine!

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.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 91

P He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

C I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

P For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

C He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

P You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

C nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

P A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

C You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

P Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place the Most High, who is my refuge no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

- C** For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.
- P** You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
- C** “Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him;
- P** I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

Prayer of the Church

Prayer

- P** 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.

Luther's Morning Prayer

- P** Let us pray together...
- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen

Lord's Prayer

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P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.

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.

Jesus, Name above all names.
Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord.
Immanuel, God is with us.
Blessed Redeemer. Living Word.

Jesus, Lord God Almighty,
Wonderful Counselor, Light of the World,
The Prince of Peace, Hope of Glory,
Man of Sorrows, Lamb of God.

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The Dismissal

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God!

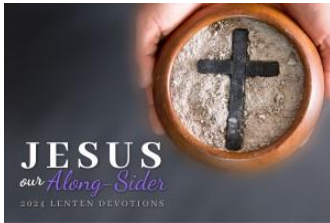
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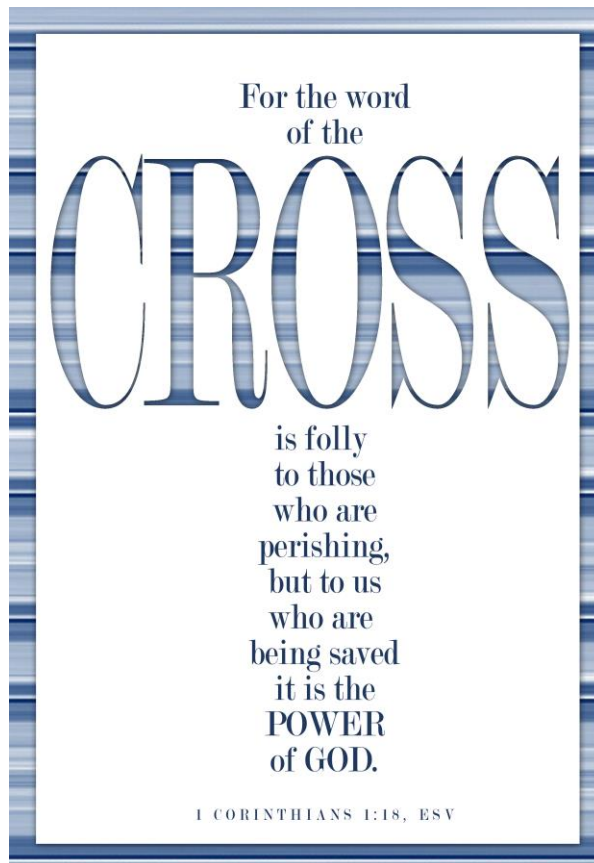
Daily Lenten Devotion



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This year's Lenten theme continues to explore the theme of Living as Along-Siders, yet this series of devotions will focus solely upon the most powerful aspect of this way of life...How **Jesus is our Along-sider!**



Opportunities at Shepherd of the Coast

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

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

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

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