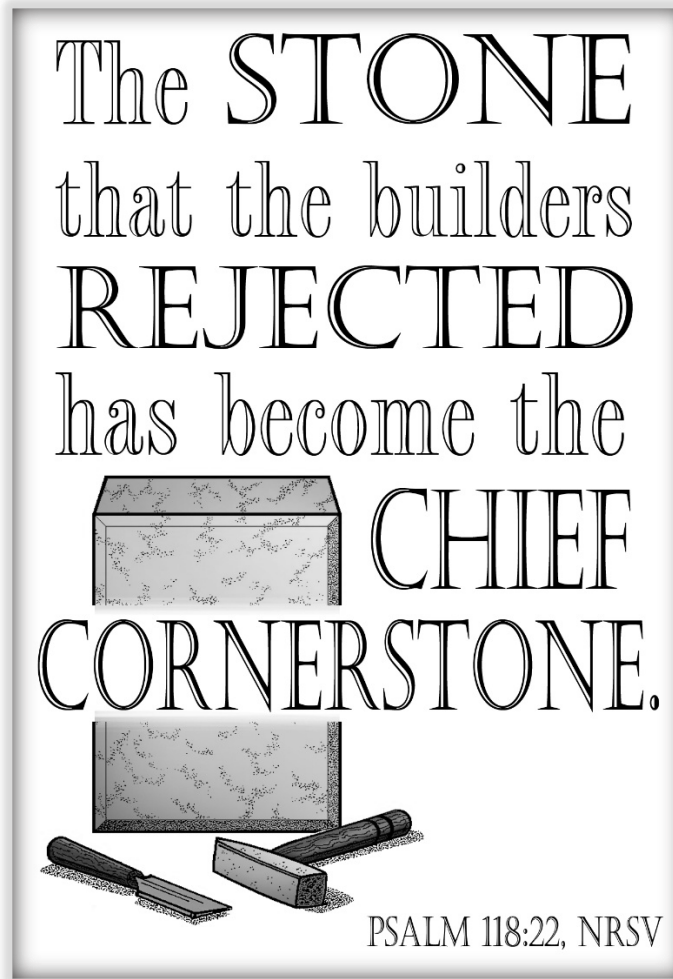


FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 6, 2025



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS-LCMS

*Welcoming all to walk together
toward abundant life in Christ.*

THEME: BE HEARERS AND DOERS OF THE WORD

⁴⁷ *Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like:* ⁴⁸ *he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. Luke 6:47–48 (ESV)*

A WORD TO OUR FRIENDS ABOUT COMMUNION:

Welcome! As members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we're excited to share what Holy Communion means to us. We believe that when we receive the bread and wine, the body and blood of Jesus Christ are truly present "in, with, and under" them—not because the bread and wine change into something else or merely symbolize His body and blood, but because Jesus Himself said, "Take, eat, this is My body" and "Take, drink, this is My blood." Through His divine Word, we trust that we're truly receiving Christ's body and blood along with the bread and wine.

For us, this Sacrament is more than a memorial—it's Jesus coming to us in a real, tangible way. We believe it is Christ truly coming to us and offering His body and his blood in an outward sign of His love for us and as an outward assurance of the forgiveness He won for us by His death on the cross. This is what we believe and confess about Holy Communion, rooted in Scripture and our faith in Christ.

If you're not a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and have questions about our Communion practices—or if you'd like to join us at the Lord's Table—we'd love for you to talk with our pastor beforehand. After reading this and reflecting on your own beliefs, please fill out the Pew Card in the pew rack. When the offering plate comes by, place your tithes and gifts in it, then pass your Pew Card to the center aisle for the ushers to collect. May God bless our time together in this Communion service!

COMMUNION OPTIONS FOR THOSE WITH ALLERGIES:

- *Gluten-free communion wafers* are available by taking one from the paten (plate) that is sitting separately in a white container.
- *Grape Juice* (clear liquid) is available in the center of the tray containing individual cups of regular wine (red liquid).

AS WE GATHER

There is a hymn that refers to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, calling it an “old, old story” (“I Love to Tell the Story” by Arabella Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911). The fact that God’s plan of salvation began thousands of years ago, and that the Bible is the record of events in ancient history, does not mean that old equals irrelevant. Today, God says through His prophet Isaiah, “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old” (Isaiah 43:18). But before you throw away your old Bible, your old catechism, or your old hymnal, listen up! “Behold, I am doing a new thing; . . . do you not perceive it?” (v. 19). In the pattern of the exodus of old and the deliverance from the Babylonian captivity of old, and as “the old rugged cross” of Christ made His resurrection from the dead possible, the “new thing” of God’s doing today is all about freeing you from the slavery of sin, death, boredom, worry, and fear; re-creating you “that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness” (explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed, Small Catechism); renewing your life today by the forgiveness of your sins and in the sure and certain hope of new bodies for old in the new creation that awaits.

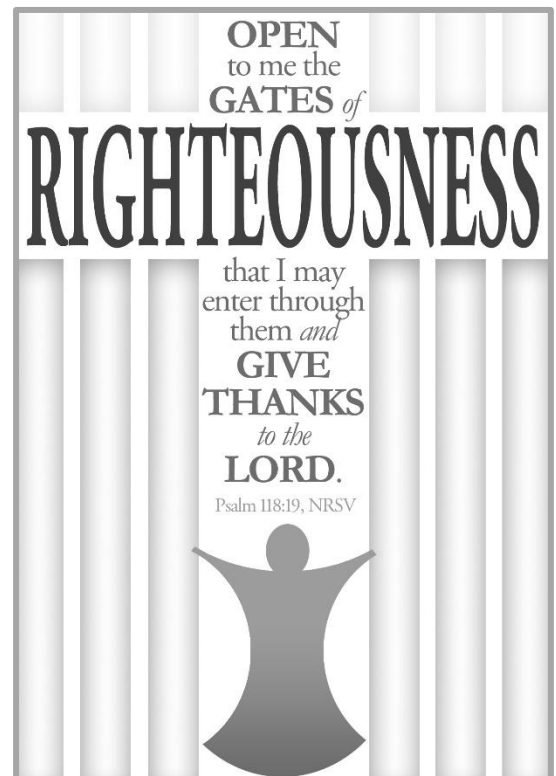
PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, WELCOME & The TOLLING OF THE BELLS

OPENING HYMN

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

LSB 901 sts. 1–3

1. Open now thy gates of beauty;
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!
2. Gracious God, I come before Thee;
Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
There a heav’n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou;
Let it be Thy temple now!
3. Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;
Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.



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THE INVOCATION

The sign of the cross T may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C **Amen.**

Matthew 28:19b [18:20]

PSALM

Psalm 126; antiphon: v. 3

P ¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,

C **we were like those who dream.**

P ²Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

C **and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

P then they said among the nations,

C **“The LORD has done great things for them.”**

P ³The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

P ⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD,

C **like streams in the Negeb!**

P ⁵Those who sow in tears

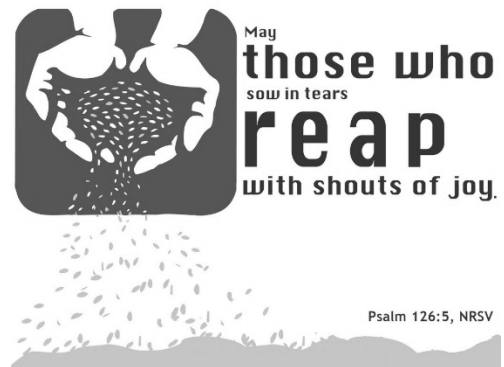
C **shall reap with shouts of joy!**

P ⁶He who goes out weeping,

C **bearing the seed for sowing,**

P shall come home with shouts of joy,

C **bringing his sheaves with him.**



**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P ⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
C **like streams in the Negeb!**

P ⁵Those who sow in tears
C **shall reap with shouts of joy!**

T Confession and Absolution T

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.** *1 John 1:8-9*

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We
have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and
by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we
have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and
eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk
in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*
C **Amen.**

T Service of the Word T

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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

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

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC (10:30AM) “When I Survey the Wonderous Cross” Vocal Choir

EPISTLE

Philippians 3:4b–14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.**



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of
 3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faith - ful All the gifts they



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; Come with all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 ask to gain; What they gain from You, for - ev - er



Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
 Hear Your peo - ple as they pray; And Your full - est
 With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter



help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.

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SERMON

Rev. Dr. R. Brian Stolarczyk

NICENE CREED

C 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

O God, our Creator and Redeemer, we give thanks to You for Your whole world of nature and that You continue to sustain it in summer and winter, in seedtime and harvest, through times of trouble and in times of peace. We pray for peace continually that we may attend to Your Word and worship and proclaim Your majesty. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We give You thanks especially for our redemption from sin and everlasting death. Though even as You count us as Your redeemed people, still we struggle to be faithful. In Your mercy, You remain true to Your promises and continue to provide the everlasting invitation, salvation, and healing through the forgiveness of sins for the sake of Christ. Bless and empower Your whole church on earth with steadfast faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for all those in the authority of government, that they may be guided in the way of truth and justice, providing for the peace and safety of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray also for all who are ill, the hungry, those in bondage, and all who travel. Grant that the prayers of all who turn to You in their need graciously come before You, so that they may receive Your help, provision, and comfort [*especially...Marea & Peter Narsavage (daughter & husband of Georgia Narsavage), The Gusbar Family (family of the DeBraccios), Emily Reidel (friend of the DeBraccios)*]
Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We give You thanks for those celebrating birthdays (80+) this month
[including...Chuck Anderson, Bea Butler, Jim De Groot, Dave Diener, Bonnie Frank, Denny Newhard, Ron Scheff],
and for those couples celebrating anniversaries [including...Jim & Jane DeGroot, Jason & Michelle Dill, Marv & Lillian Fitzwater, Greg & Karen Krauss, Fred & Joyce Spier].

May we all be led to praise You as the Giver of All Good Gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty and eternal God, we adore You as the God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus, and with the whole church on earth and all the hosts of heaven we ascribe to You honor and blessing, thanksgiving and praise. For all Your works of mercy of old, we praise You. For Your gifts of deliverance, renewal of life and hope, and the promise of eternal life through the cross and resurrection of Your Son, we praise You. Hear us for His sake, living and reigning with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

For those worshipping online, please visit www.lccross.org to find links to our Give+ secured online giving portal and our online Pew Card which is called a Connect Card. Or to fill out the card directly go to <https://forms.gle/X46ym1HuZ9DCsq9s6> or scan the QR Code here.

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OFFERING MUSIC (7:30) We Give Thee But Thine Own *LSB 781 sts. 1–2, 5–6*

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| 1. We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee. | 5. The captive to release,
To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace,
It is a Christ-like thing. |
| 2. May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our firstfruits give! | 6. And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee. |

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Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

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.

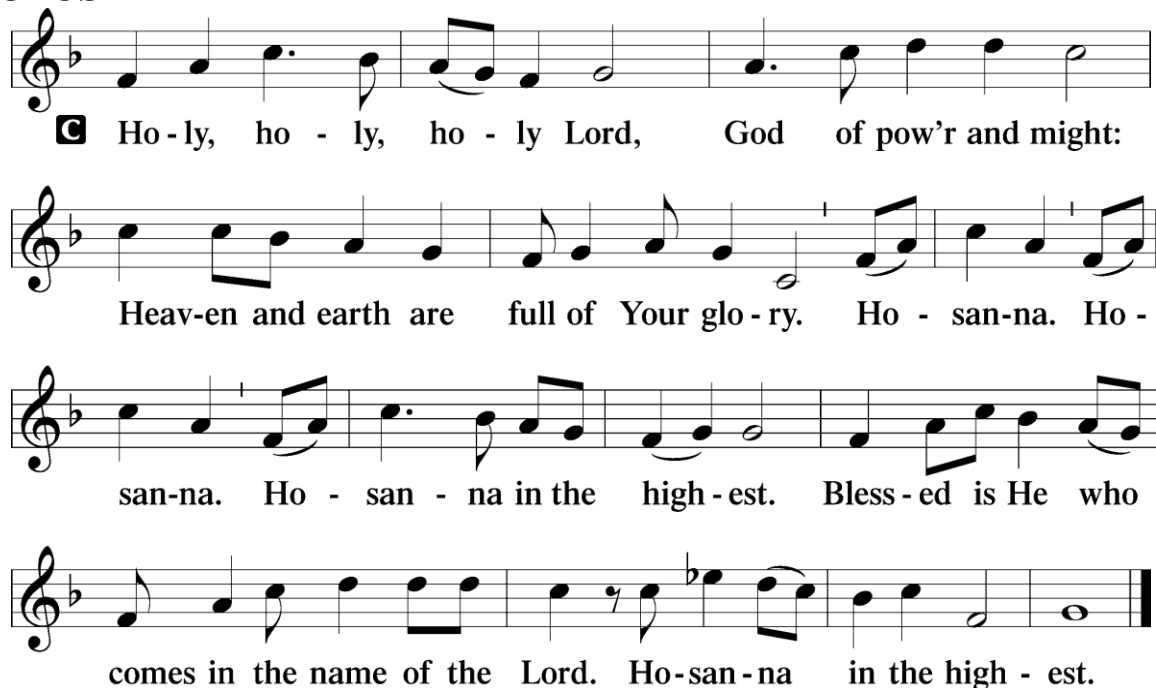
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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 singing:

SANCTUS

LSB 161



SPECIAL MUSIC “The Lord’s Prayer”

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Mathew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

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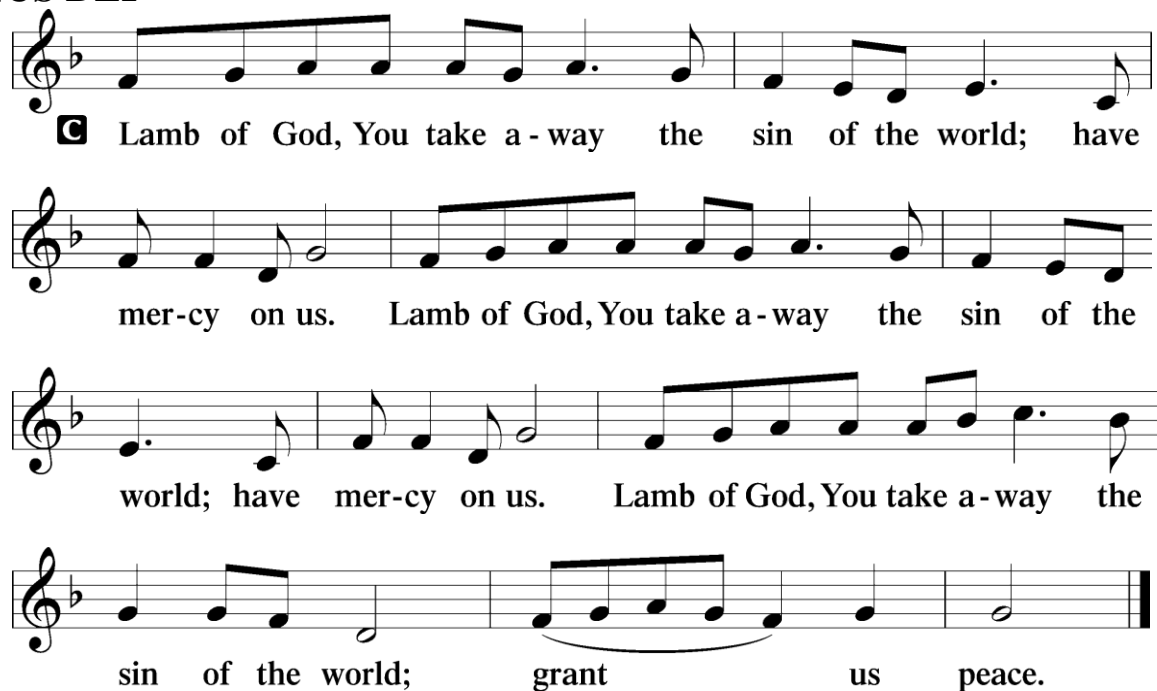
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI

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DISTRIBUTION

The pastor and those who assist distribute the body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**



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!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

LSB 576



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup -
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
rest on His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
port me in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
may I 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, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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1 I'm but a strang - er here, Heav'n is my home;
 2 What though the tem - pest rage, Heav'n is my home;
 3 There - fore I mur - mur not, Heav'n is my home;



Earth is a des - ert drear, Heav'n is my home.
 Short is my pil - grim - age, Heav'n is my home;
 What - e'er my earth - ly lot, Heav'n is my home;



Dan - ger and sor - row stand Round me on ev - 'ry hand;
 And time's wild win - try blast Soon shall be o - ver - past;
 And I shall sure - ly stand There at my Lord's right hand;



Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.
 I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.
 Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

On Eagles' Wings

LSB 727



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -
 2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap-ture you, And
 3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, Nor the
 4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com-mand To



bide in His shad - ow for life,
 fam - ine will bring you no fear;
 ar - row that flies by day; Though
 guard you in all of your ways; Up -



Say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, My
 Un - der His wings your ref - uge, His
 thou - sands fall a - bout you,
 on their hands they will bear you up, Lest you



rock in whom I trust!"
 faith - ful - ness your shield.
 Near you it shall not come.
 dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain



And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,



Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the



sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

P We give You thanks, almighty God, that You have made us Your own people, a new creation in Jesus Christ, our Lord. By His body and blood You have strengthened our faith, thus enabling us to tell forth Your praises. Enlighten our paths and guide our steps that we may live according to Your gracious will in faithfulness to You and love for 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.**


BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26


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 T give you peace.
C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN Christ, the Life of All The Living

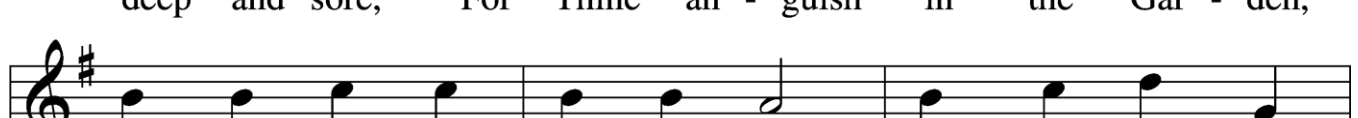
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1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
5 Thou hast suf - fered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I
7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, For Thy sor - rows



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
might be free; False - ly did Thy foes ac - cuse Thee:
deep and sore, For Thine an - guish in the Gar - den,



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,
Thence I gain se - cu - ri - ty; Com - fort - less Thy
I will thank Thee ev - er - more, Thank Thee for Thy



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
soul did lan - guish Me to com - fort in my an - guish.
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.
For that last tri - um - phant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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SILENT PRAYER & PARTING ANNOUNCEMENTS



You have been a blessing to us! Please use this time to “check-in” with your Christian brothers and sisters around you. Coffee and donuts are being served for fellowship at 9:00am in the Fellowship & Ministry Center along with our Adult Bible Class and Youth Sunday School.
Please stop by and enjoy.

Please visit our Raise Right Team while in the FMC for Fellowship and Christian Education!



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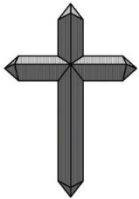
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Welcoming all to walk together toward abundant life in Christ

The **ETERNAL LIGHT** this month is provided to the Glory of God by
Nikki Chouinard in remembrance of her mother's birthday & her parents anniversary.
The **FLOWERS** on the altar this week are provided to the Glory of God by
Nancy Carter in celebration of the birthdays
of her grandson, Graham (04/13) and son Kevin (04/28) .

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Bell Tollers	Judy Daily, The LCC Confirmands
Elders on Duty	Fred Spier
Communion Assistants	Jerry Kecken
Greeters/Ushers	Kay Helgerson, Gary Fleming, Donna Leach
Altar Servers	Donna Leach, Lori Nelson
Safety Team	David Aiken, Mark Keck
Streaming Team	Gloria Cvelbar, Kay Helgerson



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IF YOU HAVE any comments, questions or suggestions, please contact:

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In case of Emergency you may reach	<u>Pastor Stolarczyk:</u>	<u>Cell: 941-979-7490</u>
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IN OUR PRAYERS

Homebound Care:

John & Lois Arens, Bob Bartelson, Fran Boatwright, George & Dee Buono, Laura Cox, Millie Cox, Dave & Gayle DeBraccio, Marv & Lil Fitzwater, Aida Florit, Bruce & Connie Frilstad, Betty Golembieski, Hedi Heinrich, Janet Jackson, Cris & Linda Kelly, Val Korman, Dale Kuhn, Millie Tyczka

Strength, Healing, Guidance: *

Marea	Daughter of Georgia Narsavage; recovery & healing
Tracy Fisher	Daughter of Sue Heim; recovery & healing
The Gusbar Family	Family of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; peace, strength
Sam Jackson	Healing & recovery
Virderie Kaminska	Continued recovery & healing
Peter Narsavage	Strength & healing
Chris Sabin	Healing & recovery
The family of Sam Sayers	Friends of LCC; peace & understanding, closure
Joyce Schankin	Recovery & full healing
Ron Scheff	Recovery
Ronna Trueman	Recovery & healing
John Vogel	Strength & healing
Kathy Weaver	Recovery & healing
Ken & Mary Werring	Recovery & healing

**Prayers will run for four consecutive weeks unless otherwise notified.*

Battling Cancer:

Adriana	Family Noel & Linda Hyde; diagnosed lymphoma
April	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Ivana	Friend of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; battling cancer
Jeanette	Sister of Augusto Vazquez; battling cancer
Mike	Son of Phil Woodruff; battling cancer
Rick Bausch	Son Barbara Durst; battling cancer
Dave DeBraccio	Battling with Leukemia, healing & strength
Lisa Anne Denofrio	Daughter Tom & Krystyna Johnson; palliative care
Bill Docherty	Brother-in-law Joy Hougan; battling cancer, surgery
Matt Doctor	Brother-in-law of Diane Barton; strength & peace
Randy Hornby	Friend of Dorothy Christman; battling cancer
Robert Jeffery	Brother of Jean Wrightsman; battling leukemia
John Kewn	Son-in-law Davis & Del Rozak; battling cancer
Todd Kietz	Battling cancer
Audrey Kowalski	Friend of Dorothy Christman; terminal cancer
Emily Reidel	Friend of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; battling cancer
Patricia Ruiz	Family of Fadely/Maestas family; battling cancer

Lisa Sayers
 Tracy Shattuck
 Carmen Torres
 Lori Truelove
 Connie Warner
 Michael Woodruff

Friend of LCC; battling cancer
 Brother Meredith Kecken; battling cancer, healing
 Sister-in-law of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; cancer
 Niece Joyce Schankin; cancer battle; strength, peace
 Friend of Mary Woodruff; diagnosed lymphoma
 Son of Phil & Mary Woodruff; battling cancer

Military:

US Army SSG. Paul Behling
 USAF TSGT David Cope Jr.
 US Army CSM Matt Hopkins
 USAF Sr. Airman
 Shawn Golembieski
 US Navy ENS Joe Golembieski
 US Navy Seaman Nick Golembieski
 USCG SCPO Robert Kecken
 USAF SrA Riley Latarski
 Marines LCPL Jonathan Metz
 Marines LCPL Kyle Spilker
 USAF TSGT Kalin McDonnell
 US Army PFC Parker Woodruff
 Bragg

Son of Ron & Cohleen Nottingham; stationed FL
 Son of David and Shelly Cope stationed in NM
 Grandson of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; in Kuwait
 Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in FL

Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in VA
 Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; Seabound
 Son Jerry & Meredith Kecken; stationed in CA
 Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman in ND
 Grandson of Jerry & Joyce Metz; in MD
 Grandson in law Chuck Anderson; in Japan
 Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman; in MA
 Grandson of Larry & Delila Woodruff; in Fort

Family Prayer: We remember all our **families** during times of personal and family **trial and tribulation.**

If you know of someone needing church prayers, please contact the church office at 941-627-6060. Be sure to have the name, relationship to the church family and what is the need for the prayer.

LCC ATTENDANCE REPORT
& WEEKLY INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT 2025

Week Of: 03/30/2025		
On-Site Attendance	Weekly Contributions	
	Income:	\$ 19,261
	Expense:	\$ 11,170



UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

OFH = Old Fellowship Hall

Tues-Apr 8	3:30pm	Board of Christian Education Meeting (FMC)
Wed-Apr 9		Lent Worship (<i>see times below</i>)
Thurs-Apr 10	9:00am	Shepherding Leaders Meeting (FMC)
	10:00am	LifeLight Bible Class: Final Class of the season (FMC)
Sat-Apr 12	9:00am	Stephen Minister Supervision Meeting (OFH)
Sun-Apr 13		CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
		PALM SUNDAY
Wed-Apr 16	9:00am	Altar Guild Communion Set Up (Sacristy/Sanctuary)
Thurs-Apr 17		Maundy Thursday Worship Services (<i>see times below</i>)
Fri-Apr 18		Good Friday Worship Services (<i>see times below</i>)
Sun-Apr 20		Easter Sunday Worship Services (<i>see times below</i>)
Thurs-Apr 24	4:30pm	Joyful Ringers End of Season Clean Up & Party (FMC)
Sat-May 3	10:00am	Bird House Buddy Event (Prayer Park)
		Memorial Visitation – Kasch (Sanctuary)
	11:00am	Memorial Service: Kasch (Sanctuary)

WEEKLY RE-OCCURRING CAMPUS EVENTS:

- † **AA Meetings:** Meets weekly in the FMC @ 7:00pm
 Monday (Women Only)
 Tuesday & Wednesday (Open to all)
- † **Christian Education & Fellowship:** Every Sunday in the FMC @ 9:00am
- † **Handbell Choir Rehearsal:** Meets every Thursday in the Sanctuary @ 4:30pm
- † **LCC Garden Committee:** Meets every Wednesday in the Prayer Park @ 9:30am
- † **Raise Right Fundraising Team:** Meets every Sunday in the FMC
 Operates at 8:30am & following the 10:30am services
- † **SON-Seekers Bible Study:** Meets every Monday in the FMC @ 11:30am

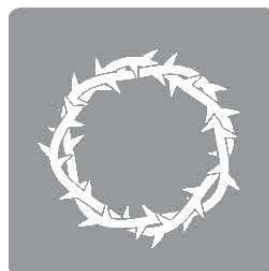
KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

Why do we have a week called "Holy Week"?

Why would we refer to a week as being holy? The word "holy" means that it is from God. That's why we call the Bible "holy." It isn't just any book. It is God's living Word given to us for our salvation! The same goes for Holy Week. This is "God's Week." This is the week in the Church Year when Jesus actually paid for our sins and won our salvation!

Which days are in Holy Week?

There are particular days during Holy Week that are extra special. During Holy Week we celebrate **Palm Sunday**, when Jesus went to Jerusalem and people celebrated His arrival; **Maundy Thursday**, when Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper; **Good Friday**, when Jesus died on the cross; and **Holy Saturday**, when we await His resurrection on Easter Sunday!



Parents:

During worship, help your children to look for other things in the church that are considered holy (i.e. God's Word, the Sacraments, etc.). Ask them: "How does God use these things to give us His forgiveness?"



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THE BOARD OF ELDERS NEEDS EASTER SON-RISE SERVICE HELPERS!



The Board of Elders are looking for folks who would be willing to assist with the set up and take down of the chairs for the Early Easter Worship Service at the base of the Cross Monument.

There is a need for a group of folks to arrive at 2PM Saturday to help move chairs from the FMC over to the Cross Monument and to help set up the Chairs Easter Morning at 6:15AM. Then a group of folks who will take down the chairs and return them back to the FMC.

This is quick work but the more available hands help makes work lighter! Please contact Jim McCabe (847) 471-1421 with any questions about this volunteer opportunity or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.



If you plan to attend the Early SON-Rise Worship Service at the Cross Monument, we ask that you please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Your sign up will allow our boards to properly plan for the expected amount of attendance at this very special service.

This service will begin at 7:15am, April 20th.



EASTER LILLIES:

Our Cross Board will be in the Narthex adorned with Easter Lily order cards. If you would like to purchase a flower, please take a card and return it for purchase. Be sure to grab your card early as **there are only 36 lilies available for purchase.**

They do sell out fast!

Please note, we have one card for each flower ordered – please take the same amount of cards to match what you plan to purchase.

Also, please be sure to return your card with your payment. This ensures you get the proper designation in the worship folder.

All cards and payments should be returned to the church office by

Sunday, April 13th.

Checks are to be made payable to Lutheran Church of the Cross.

God's Blessings to you this Easter season!



Wed. April 2 10:30am ~ 7:00pm	Lenten Worship Services “Get Out!”
Wed. April 9 10:30am ~ 7:00pm	Lenten Worship Services “One Little Word Can Fell Him”
	
Sun. April 13 7:30am ~ 10:30am	Palm Sunday Worship Services “God Loves Small Things”
Thurs. April 17 10:30am ~ 7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship Services “He Prepares a Table”
Fri. April 18 1:00pm ~ 7:00pm	Good Friday Worship Services “All”
Sun. April 20 7:15am at the Cross Monument 9:00am in the Sanctuary 10:30am in the Sanctuary	Easter Services: “We Are Going Home”