



LORD of LOVE
Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent



The Hidden Glory of the Cross



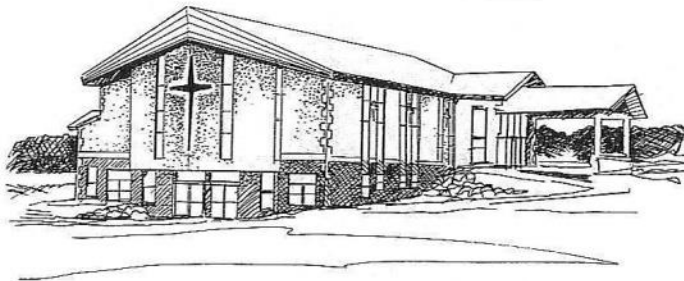
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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1**



*Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament.
Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.*

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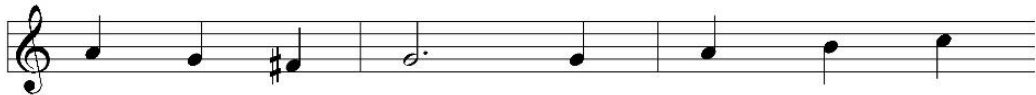
SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN (CW 401)

Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ



1 Your works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad -
2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ, Can heal
3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne
4 Your death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid
5 Your right - eous - ness, O Christ, A - lone



ness to this heart. They tell me all
my sin - ful soul; Your wounds, not mine,
the dread - ful load Of sins that none
the ran - som due; Ten thou - sand deaths
can cov - er me; No oth - er right -



is done; They bid my fear de - part.
con - tain The balm that makes me whole.
could bear But the in - car - nate God.
like mine Would have been all too few.
eous - ness Can set a sin - ner free.

Refrain



To whom but you, who can a - lone For



sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89, alt.

Tune: ST. JOHN (66 66 88) *The Parish Choir*, London, 1850.

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: 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.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

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.

C: A - men.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7

*But now this is what the LORD says,
 the LORD who created you, O Jacob,
 the LORD who formed you, O Israel.
 Do not be afraid, because I have redeemed you.
 I have called you by name. You are mine.
² When you cross through the waters, I will be with you.
 When you cross the rivers, they will not sweep you away.*

*When you walk through fire, you will not be burned,
and the flame will not set you on fire.*

³ *Because I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior,
I gave Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.*

⁴ *Because you are precious and honored in my eyes,
and I myself love you,
I will give people in exchange for you,
and peoples in exchange for your life.*

⁵ *Do not be afraid, because I am with you.
From the east I will bring your offspring,
and from the west I will gather you.*

⁶ *I will say to the north, "Give them back!"
and to the south, "Do not hold them."
Bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—*

⁷ *everyone who is called by my name,
everyone I created for my glory,
everyone I formed,
yes, everyone I have made.*

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 5:7-9

In the days of his flesh, he offered prayers and pleas with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸ Although he was the Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. ⁹ After he was brought to his goal, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him,



1 Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed With heal - ing
 2 How well you know my griefs and fears, Your grace a -
 3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing
 4 To pledge my la - bor will - ing - ly, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in you my
 bused, my mis - spent years; So now to you with
 of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing through your
 sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 cross and pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

Text: Genevieve M. Irons, 1855–1928, alt.

Tune: JUST AS I AM (888 6) Joseph Barnby, 1838–96.

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we want to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went to tell Andrew. Andrew came with Philip and told Jesus.

²³ Jesus answered them, “The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it continues to be one kernel. But if it dies, it produces much grain. ²⁵ Anyone who loves his life destroys it. And the one who hates his life in this world will hold on to it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, let him follow me. And where I am, there my servant will be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, this is the reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!”

A voice came from heaven: “I have glorified my name, and I will glorify it again.”

²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said it thundered. Others said an angel talked to him. ³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice was not for my sake but for yours. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world. Now the ruler of this world will be thrown out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to indicate what kind of death he was going to die.

Drawn to the Cross



STAND

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.

BE SEATED

GATHERING OF THANK OFFERING

*During the gathering of the offering, please sign
and pass the Friendship Register. Thank you.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, draw us always to your Son, that in him may lose self, but find true life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, bless Mark Schroeder, our Synod president; Mike Jensen, our district president; Nathan Berg, our circuit visitor; and all pastors, who like all flesh are beset with weakness. Keep them faithful to your Word. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, your Son came not to be served but to serve. Help us not lord our authority over one another, but humbly serve one another in our homes, communities and congregation as Christ has so humbly served us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, look with mercy on all earthly authorities. Guard them from the temptation to wield earthly power improperly. Lead them to serve faithfully according to your good and gracious will. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, as your only begotten Son learned obedience though what he suffered, we pray that you would be with your servants in their suffering. Sustain them as they walk the way of the cross with your Son, that they may know the fullness of his eternal salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, by your Spirit, prepare our hearts to worthily receive the body and blood of our Savior, who was sacrificed for us on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - - - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close (or closed) communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod), are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests are asked to speak with our pastor, before the service, if they wish to commune.



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed, See, world, your Lord sus -
 2 How God at our trans - gres - sion To an - ger gives ex -
 3 'Tis I who should be smit - ten, My doom should here be
 4 A crown of thorns you're wear - ing, My shame and scorn you're
 5 Your cords of love, my Sav - ior, Bind me to you for -



pend - ed; Your Sav - ior yields his breath. The Prince of
 pres - sion, How loud his thun - ders roll, How fear - ful -
 writ - ten: Bound hand and foot in hell. The fet - ters
 bear - ing That I might ran - somed be. My bonds - man,
 ev - er; I am no long - er mine. To you I



life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly giv - en
 ly he smites him, How sore - ly he re - quites him—
 and the scourg - ing, The floods a - round you surg - ing,
 ev - er will - ing, My place with pa - tience fill - ing,
 glad - ly ten - der All that my life can ren - der



To shame and blows and bit - ter death.
 All this your suf - f'rings teach my soul.
 'Tis I who have de - served them well.
 From sin and guilt has made me free.
 And all I have to you re - sign.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt.

Tune: O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN (776 778) Heinrich Isaac, c. 1450–1517, alt.



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Is - rael's
 2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our
 3 In faith I place my hand On that dear
 4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den
 5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the



al - tars slain Could give the guilt - y con - science
 sins a - way, A sac - ri - fice of no - bler
 head di - vine, As pen - i - tent - ly here I
 you did bear When hang - ing on the curs - ed
 curse re - move; We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful



peace Or wash a - way the stain.
 name And rich - er blood than they.
 stand And lay on him my sin.
 tree— I know my guilt was there!
 voice And sing his bleed - ing love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: SOUTHWELL (SM) William Daman, c. 1540–91.



THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - men.



Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

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 me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Gluten Free communion wafers: Gluten free communion wafers are available each Sunday during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you require this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.



Wednesday Lent Worship

March 20

12:30 & 6:30 pm

Chili Cook-off 5:30



Workday/Spring Cleaning: Come help us get our building ready for Holy Week and Easter. We have indoor and outdoor projects to complete. There are tasks for all ages. We are meeting this **Saturday March 23** starting at **8:00 am**.

Many hands make light work.



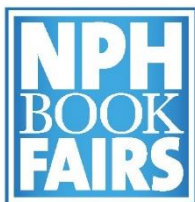
Community Easter Egg Hunt – March 30 at 10:00 am: We are planning our annual Community Easter Egg Hunt. This activity is a great time to invite family, neighbors, and friends at school to join us. Children of all ages are invited to participate. You do not need to sign up ahead of time and there is no cost. The morning starts with a devotion with Pr. Jenswold and then heads outside to collect eggs. Fun activities are inside after the egg hunt. Volunteers are needed to help that morning - set up, assist with activities, and clean up after the event. If you would like to help, sign up at church or contact the church office. Volunteers arrive at 8:30 am and usually leave at 11:30. Church is collecting donations of candy to fill our eggs. We usually fill around 3,000 eggs so we will need lots of candy. Candy must be wrapped and should not contain peanuts or peanut butter. It should be small to fit in our plastic eggs. Donations can be placed in the bin in at the back of church.

Easter Flower Donations: The altar guild is asking for donations of potted flowers to decorate our sanctuary for Easter Worship. Suggested flowers include Easter lilies, tulips, daffodils, hyacinth, and other spring blooms. Donations can be brought to church anytime from now till Good Friday March 29. The altar guild will maintain the flowers and arrange them for Easter. Donated flowers can be taken home after the Easter services. If you would like to donate towards the purchase flowers, the altar guild can purchase them for you. Please place your donation in the envelope in the church office by March 24. Checks should be made out to Lord of Love Lutheran.



NPH in person and Online Book Fair

Today is the last day to order books from our book fair. Browse through the titles in the fellowship area. Books that are on display are discounted 20%, whether purchased in person or online. Order blanks can be picked up at the display.



Cash or check is accepted. Checks should be made out to Lord of Love Lutheran. Completed orders and payments should be placed in the marked envelope in the church office. Items ordered online will be mailed directly to your home address. Items that are displayed at church will also receive the 20% discount if ordered online. These items must be ordered 3/3 – 3/17 and use the promo code V157C122334 to receive 20% off.

Sunday March 17: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion

9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Teen class and Sunday school

WELS Connection

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: 8:00 Ryan Jaeger, 10:30 Steve Kalscheuer
- Ushers 8:00: Sef Fox, Steven Fox, Ben Olson and Dave Olson
- Ushers 10:30: *Volunteers needed*
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Wayne Kaalberg
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker
- Refreshments: RaeLyn Parker

Wednesday March 20: Lent Worship

Worship Services at 12:30 & 6:30 pm

5:30 pm: Chili Cook-off

- Pastor Nathan Berg
- Pianist: Ava Wilson
- Ushers 6:30: Roger LaGrange and Lynn Biwer
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: Jen Olson
- Chili Cook-off coordinators: RaeLyn Parker & Jen Olson

Sunday March 24: Palm Sunday

Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion

9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Teen class and Sunday school

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00 Dave Olson 10:30 Mitch Myhre
- Ushers 8:00: Bob Degnan, Gene Freund, Kayden Zech and Kourtney Zech
- Ushers 10:30: Holzman Family
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle
- Refreshments: Marianne Ketelhohn and Kristin Huebner

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Wesley Kalscheuer (3/17), Seraphina Nitz (3/17), Kathy Wagner (3/18), Ronda Anderson (3/19), Ava Ehlenbach (3/21), Kassie Bartosch (3/23), Ron Fredrick (3/23), Matt Gotzion (3/23) and Anka Kopplin (3/23) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Peg Schroeder, John Schueman and Steve Tobison who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Carter Chavez (grandson of John & Sherry Hill), Shannon & Matthew Garrett and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).



Holy Week

Palm Sunday March 24:

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday March 28:

Worship 6:30 pm

Fill Easter eggs after.

Good Friday March 29

Worship 1:00 & 6:30 pm

Easter Egg Hunt March 30

10:00 am

Volunteers arrive at 8:30 am.

Easter March 31

The Resurrection of our Lord!

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am

Easter breakfast 9:15 am