



St. John's
LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL
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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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Prelude

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

Dale Wood

Hymn

“The Church’s One Foundation” *LSB 644, sts. 1-3*
Please Stand for Last Verse

Invocation

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

C *Amen.*

Baptism

10:30 am

*We rejoice at the baptism of Natalie Ann Stinson
Daughter of Patrick and Ashley Stinson
Baptismal sponsors are Nikki and Kyle Wickline*

Confession and Absolution

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 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C *And with thy spirit.*

P Let us pray.

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.*

In this Old Testament Reading the Lord speaks through Isaiah about the “new thing” that he was doing for His people. Walking faithfully on the Way in the Wilderness that He was making, they would know they were his chosen people, and that would surely lead them to declare His praise. That's true of us too, as we walk through the Season of Lent.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who 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.
¹⁹Behold, 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.
²⁰The 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,
²¹the 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.

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

²Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

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

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

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

⁶He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.

In this Epistle Paul says he gave up all confidence based on his own person and performance, so he could fully know Christ and the perfect righteousness that is his gift of grace. As was true of Paul, we will run life's race successfully only when Christ is at the center of our lives.

Epistle Reading*Philippians 3:8-14*

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.**

With the parable in today's Holy Gospel Jesus indicted the religious authorities for reducing the covenant faith to a legalistic system. They wanted religion their way, not God's way. They got Jesus' point – and, in their unbelief, they began to look for a way to get rid of Him.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 20:9-20

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

C *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

⁹And he 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’?

¹⁸“Everyone 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 be to Thee, O Christ.*

Nicene Creed

Back Cover of LSB

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.

Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord, in Your mercy....
C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you.
C *And with thy spirit.*
P Lift up your hearts.
C *We lift them up unto the Lord.*
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
C *It is meet and right so to do.*
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary...

Sanctus

LSB 195

- C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

Lord's Prayer

LSB 241

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
C **Our Father who art in heaven...**

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Pax Domini

LSB 197

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C *Amen.*

C *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

Distribution

Our Teaching on the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Attending communion at our altar indicates agreement with the doctrine and teachings of Scripture that our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod confesses. Therefore, only confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod should come forward without first speaking to the pastor and being instructed. Thank you.

After the welcome, you may kneel or remain standing for the reception of the Lord's Supper. If you partake of our Lord's blood by individual cup, please hold it in plain view as the common cup passes.

Organ

“Near the Cross”

Hymn

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

LSB 427

Organ

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

C *Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,*

for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

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

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward 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.*

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.

C *And with thy spirit.*

P Bless we the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

Benediction

LSB 202

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. Amen. Amen.*

Hymn

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

LSB 575

Postlude

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Assisting in Worship Today:

Preacher: Rev. Troy Countryman
Organist: Dr. Herman D. Taylor
Elder: Dave Quick
Assisting: Joe Dosien
Ushers: 8:00 am Paul Welton, Jack Pierce, Randy Rappe
9:15 am Scott & Janet Uphoff, Kris Maleske, Lynn Farmer
10:30 am Laverne Schaal, Tom Jones, Greg Mauck
Acolytes: 8:00 am Luke Miller & Gabriel Stoll
9:15 am Paige Harlin & Dillon Reel
10:30 am Caroline ZuHone & Jenny Reid
Altar Guild: Jane Kendall, Cindy Phipps, Sarah Doehring
Interpreting: Kim Janssen
Driver: Corinne Thomley (234-8748)

Assisting in Worship Next Week - 3/28/10:

Preacher: Rev. Del Nack
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Elder: Dave Quick
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