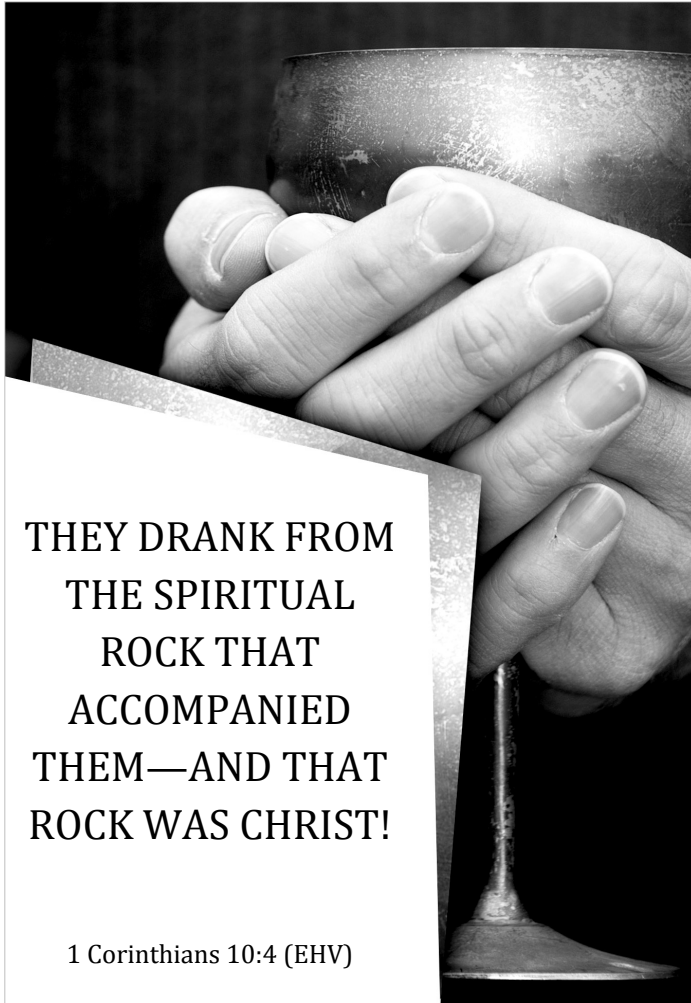


WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



THEY DRANK FROM
THE SPIRITUAL
ROCK THAT
ACCOMPANIED
THEM—AND THAT
ROCK WAS CHRIST!

1 Corinthians 10:4 (EHV)

False Security is Crushed
by Faithful Presence

Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022



Welcome To Worship

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. We are happy you are here. Please fill out a Connect Card to let us know how we might continue to serve you.

It's encouraging to see parents bring their families to worship the Lord. If your child becomes restless, you can use the Family Room to calm them. Quiet bags and children's bulletins are also available to keep little ones busy. Restrooms are located in the hallways along either side of the worship space. For those with special needs, large print copies of the service folder and listening devices are available from the ushers. One of our ushers can help you find the restrooms or family room and answer any other questions.

Service Notes For This Sunday



Where is God? This is one of human beings' most frequently-asked and incorrectly-answered questions. We are tempted to believe that evidence of God's presence is found in outward circumstances. We equate good fortune with God's favor and bad fortune with his judgment. So, as long as nothing terrible is happening, God must not be too angry with us, right? We are free to go on sinning. Such foolish assumptions must be crushed. Therefore, God must constantly remind us where he intends to be found—in the gospel. He makes himself present in Word and sacraments. Because he is always present, we realize the urgent need to turn away from the sin he despises. Because his presence is graciously hidden, we are drawn to him for forgiveness rather than driven away from him in fear.

Today's service includes a celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. For personal preparation, consider using the Questions for Examination on page 12 of this service folder or Christian Questions on page 295 of the blue hymnal.

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The Service: Setting Three

Welcome

Hymn

712 Delay Not! Delay Not

Stand

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

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and

praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men. A - men.

Response

534 Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus sts. 1-2



1 Hail, O once - de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, O Gal - i - le - an King!
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on you were laid;



You have suf - fered to re - lease us, hope to give and peace to bring.
by al - might - y love a - noint - ed, you have full a - tone - ment made.



Hail, O u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior, bear - er of our sin and shame;
Ev - 'ry sin has been for - giv - en thro' the pow - er of your blood;



by your mer - its we find fa - vor: life is giv - en thro' your name.
o - pen is the gate of heav - en, we are rec - on - ciled to God.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

The Lord reveals his presence to Moses as fire that gives light, yet does not consume.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

85A LORD, in Your Mercy, Hear My Prayer
Join to sing the refrain and the “Glory be...”

Refrain



LORD, in your mer - cy hear my prayer; your good-ness nev - er fails.

Tone



You, LORD, forgave the iniquity of your / people
and covered / all their sins.

You set aside / all your wrath
and turned from your fierce / anger.

Show us your unfailing / love, LORD,
and grant us your sal- / vation. *Refrain*

I will listen to what God the / LORD says;
he promises peace to his / people.

Surely his salvation is near those who / fear him,
that his glory may dwell / in our land.

Love and faithfulness meet to- / gether;
righteousness and peace kiss each / other.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

God revealed his presence among the nation of Israel. However, because of their false sense of security, they set their hearts on evil.

The Word of the Lord.

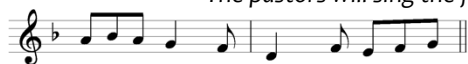
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

2 Peter 3:9

The pastors will sing the first refrain and the verse. Please join sing the refrain a second time.



Refrain



Glo - ry and praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.



Glo - ry and praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

Tone



He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to per - ish,



but everyone to come to re - pent - ance.

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Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

Jesus reminds us that we all need to repent, regardless of life's circumstances.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

702 Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake

Sermon

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 truly 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

Please take a moment now to fill out a Connect Card

Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, because of our sins, we justly deserve to suffer both your curse during our time on earth and your condemnation eternally in hell. But we plead for your mercy, because your Son, Jesus, suffered the punishment our sin deserved.

For his sake you have forgiven our sins and cleansed us from all unrighteousness.

Mercifully provide whatever each of us may need for body and life. Protect us and those we love from all harm and danger. Maintain good government among us, and bless all those in authority with wisdom and integrity.

Defend us from the devil and the world, which would lure us back into the way that leads to eternal death.

Special prayers and intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Offering

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Guests, please don't feel obligated to take part in the offering. We're just happy you're here as our guest to hear and take to heart the message of Jesus. If the gospel message has moved you to give and you would like an electronic option, you can scan this QR code with your mobile phone. It will connect you with our website's giving page.



Musical Offering

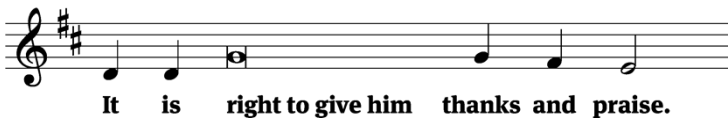
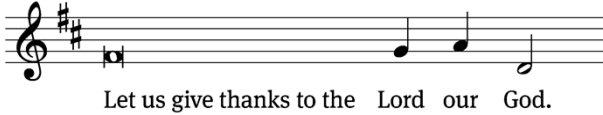
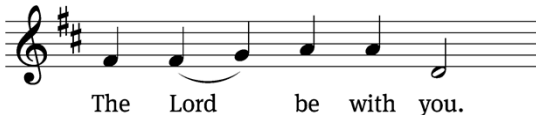
O Come to the Altar

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

CW 199



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It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,
 heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

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 T 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 T 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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lamb of God

CW 202



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us, grant us peace.

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Be seated and await the direction of the ushers.

Questions for Examination

- † Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness?
- † Do I believe that Jesus died on the cross to win forgiveness for me?
- † Do I believe that Jesus offers his true body and blood with the bread and wine in this sacrament?
- † Do I believe this sacrament strengthens my faith and strengthens me to live a God-pleasing life?
- † Am I a member of a church that belongs to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS)?
- † If you answered “no” to any of these questions, please hold off on communing with us today. Following worship, one of the pastors would be happy to explain why we ask you to do this.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn

404 *Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing*

Distribution Hymn

660 *Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face*

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn

923 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Take Home Questions

1. What misconceptions did those talking with Jesus in Luke 13:1-5 have about tragedy and God's presence in life? How did Jesus address those misconceptions? What are some situations from your life where those same misconceptions are present?
2. Israel lived in Egypt for 430 years. While not all of that was spent in slavery, they had been suffering for a long time in Moses' day. What temptation was there for the Israelites in that suffering, similar to the misconceptions in Luke 13? What things did God want to communicate to them through Moses?
3. According to 1 Corinthians 10, Israel was immensely blessed in their day by God's presence in a baptism of sorts and a spiritual meal of sorts. Yet many fell away and died because of their persistent rebellion. What warning is present for us as we are immensely blessed by God's presence in the sacraments? What constant assurance is present in those same sacraments?
4. Write a prayer heeding Jesus' call to repentance and recognizing God's gracious presence in our lives where he has decided it should be, the gospel in Word and sacrament.

Special Prayers This Week:

- Mrs. Trudy Tietz was called to serve as our 1st-2nd grade teacher
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News & Announcements



This Sunday's Bible Study: Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up? The Option Among Many

Join us in the cafeteria from 9:15 to 10:15 AM
For the google meet link, contact a pastor.

Teacher Called

On Wednesday, we called Mrs. Trudy Tietz to serve as our 1st-2nd grade teacher. Mrs. Tietz currently serves Faith Lutheran School in Fond du Lac, WI. Please keep Mrs. Tietz and her congregation in your prayers while she deliberates this call.

Coed Volleyball on Sundays

Sundays at 2:00 PM

Come for some fun and fellowship on Sunday afternoons. Bring a friend or your spouse and come to the gym at 2:00 pm. The plan is to meet through the end of April.

Mite Boxes Due

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) Circuit Mission Rally will be held on Saturday, April 9 at Divine Word in Plover. If you have a mite box or would like to give a special gift to the rally mission offering, please bring that in by April 3. The rally offering will be divided among the Central Africa Medical Mission, Family Ministry Outreach, and the LWMS Home Office.

Thank you for using Amazon Smile!

Our church received \$91.77 from the AmazonSmile program. This amount was based on fourth quarter 2021 purchases from AmazonSmile. If you haven't yet, be sure to designate St. Paul's as your charity. Then use the AmazonSmile site to get the same selection and pricing as the regular Amazon website.

Save the Date ~ Taste of Missions

June 11

This family-friendly event, held at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis., will give you a "taste of missions", no matter where you are. The event kicks off with a special worship service new home and world missionaries will be commissioned. Sample ethnic cuisine from some of our mission fields while enjoying fellowship and presentations from home and world missionaries. View displays, participate in outdoor family-friendly activities, and ask questions about mission work during panel discussions.

Sunday	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study in church
	9:15 AM	Catechism Class in the West Wing
	9:15 AM	Sunday School (grades 3K-6)
	10:30 AM	Worship
	2:00 pm	Coed Volleyball in the gym
Monday	6:00 PM	Men's Devotional Basketball in the gym
Tuesday	6:45 AM	Men's Bible Study at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	9:45 AM	Women Walking in the Word in the Resource Center
	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministers in the Resource Center
Wednesday	8:55 AM	School Chapel Service
	4:00 PM	Midweek Lenten Service
	4:45 PM	Fellowship Meal
	6:30 PM	Midweek Lenten Service
Thursday	7:00 AM	Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
Sunday	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study in the cafeteria
	9:15 AM	Catechism Class
	9:15 AM	Sunday School (grades 3K-6)
	10:30 AM	Worship
	2:00 pm	Coed Volleyball in the gym

Attendance & Offering Report

Last Week's Attendance: 197

Midweek Lent Attendance: 130

Anticipated offerings YTD: \$ 558,700

Actual offerings YTD: \$ 525,515

YTD giving to the Organ Fund: \$ 112,606

Mortgage balance: \$1,157,389



Fellowship Meal Menu:
 Cheesy Chicken Sandwiches
 Served by the Morning Bible Studies

April 2 2022
 9:00 - 11:45 am
 (lunch to follow)

Agnes 3-10
 babysitting provided

Come Join the Fun

St Paul's Lutheran
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 (across from Splash Pad)

EASTER for Kids

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