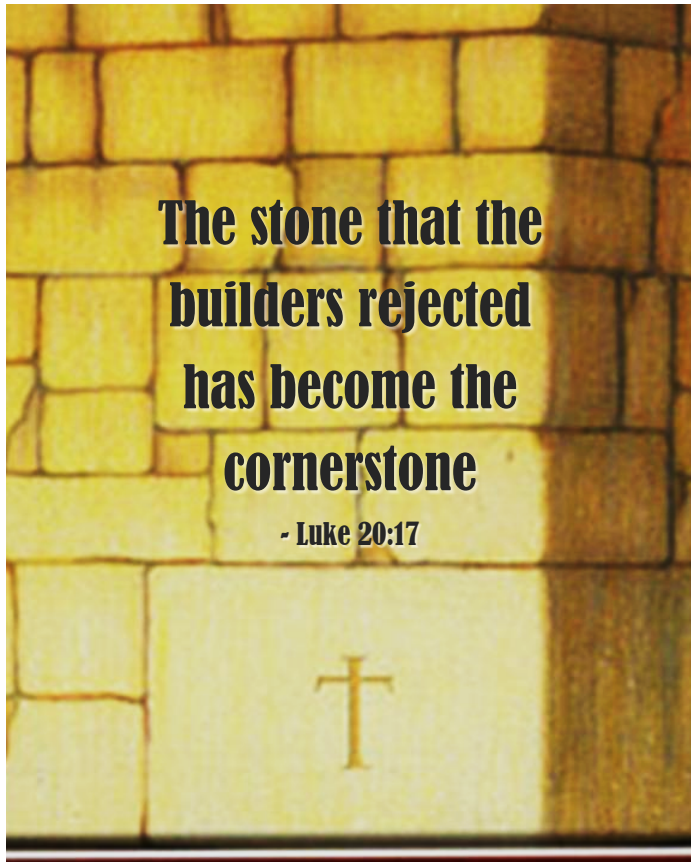


WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



CRUSHED:
HUMAN REJECTION IS CRUSHED
BY DIVINE EXALTATION

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 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



People often look to the judgment of experts. The opinion of experts can greatly influence the general population. That poses a problem when it comes to Christ. The world's experts and culturally elite generally see little value in Christ and his Word. Thankfully, Christ tells us to expect this. He also reminds us that when it comes to judgments about him and his kingdom, only one opinion matters. God the Father would render the final verdict about Christ and his work when he raised his Son from the dead. This week, we learn to evaluate the world's experts properly. They might see heaven's greatest treasure as trash. Fine. That treasure remains ours for the taking!

Special Prayers This Week:

- Mrs. Trudy Tietz was called to serve as our 1st-2nd grade teacher.
- Jeanie Beer's father is in intensive care after suffering complications from surgery
- Barb Matthew – for continuing grace in her fight against cancer
- Tori Peterson is sick
- The people of Ukraine
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The Service: Setting One

Welcome

Hymn

914 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

Stand

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

Amen.

Confession

CW 154

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 156



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



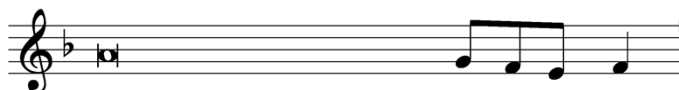
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Response

526 What Wondrous Love Is This sts. 1, 3



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the



this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse
Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme,



for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
I will sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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 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

Isaiah 43:16–21

Both times Israel found themselves in slavery, the Lord provided deliverance and exaltation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

73D *In Sweet Communion, Lord, with You*



1 In sweet com - mun - ion, Lord, with you I
2 Your coun - sel through my earth - ly way shall
3 Whom have I, Lord, in heav'n but you, to
4 Though flesh and heart should faint and fail, the



con - stant - ly a - bide; my hand you hold with -
guide me and con - trol, and then to glo - ry
whom my thoughts as - pire? And, hav - ing you, what
Lord will ev - er be the strength and por - tion



in your own to keep me near your side.
af - ter - ward you will re - ceive my soul.
more on earth is there I can de - sire?
of my heart, my God e - ter - nal - ly.

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Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b–14

Through Christ, God exalts us, regardless of what the world thinks of us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

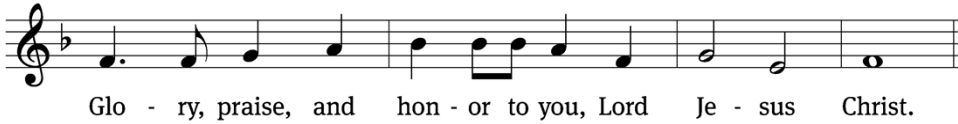
Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:22

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



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

Luke 20:9–19

The cornerstone of the Church would be the One the religious experts rejected.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

571 O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

The pastors will sing the first verse. Please join in the remaining verses.

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

CW 162

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

Connect Card

Please take a moment now to fill out a Connect Card.

Prayer of the Church

Dear God, heavenly Father, how great is your love for us! You willingly sent your beloved Son to a world of sinful rebels. The innocent one came to serve the guilty, but he was rejected, tortured, and put him to death.

Because you let your Son take our guilt on himself to set us free, we praise your holy name.

Dear Son of God, our brother, how great is your love for us! You allowed yourself to be condemned so that we could be declared not guilty. Fill our hearts with the same self-sacrificing love that you showed us. You allowed no suffering, no fear, and no doubt to swerve you from your path to Calvary.

Give us the same single-minded dedication and unshakable commitment as we daily take up our cross and follow you.

Dear Holy Spirit, how great is your love for us! By Word and sacrament you have warmed and transformed our foolish and stubborn hearts, making us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus and receptive to his gospel of forgiveness. Hold his cross before our eyes that we may dedicate our lives to him who died for us.

Make us strong in the hour of temptation. Lead us to serve our neighbor as unselfishly as Christ did.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Keep us in the true faith in unity with all faithful Christians, and grant us a blessed death.
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

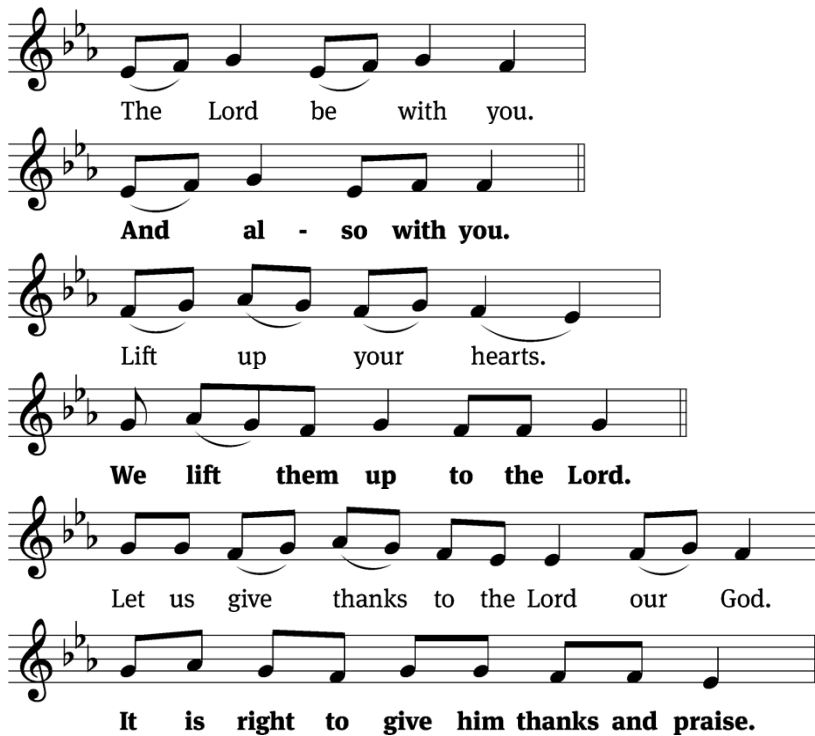
What Wondrous Love is This

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

CW 165



The Lord be with you.

And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.



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

CW 167



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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with 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.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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." The final note of the piece is a whole note on the G line of the staff, followed by a double bar line.

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

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.*
- For further examination questions, see page 295 of the blue hymnal.*

Distribution

Distribution Hymn

667 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

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.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of 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 give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn

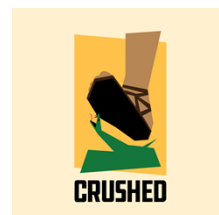
861 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s Head

Take Home Questions

1. In Philippians 3:4-6, Paul lists things where he once wrongfully placed his confidence instead of faith in Christ. If you were to make a similar list for your life, what would be on it? (Hint: As with Paul's list, some items may be good in and of themselves but things you could wrongfully look to for confidence.)

2. The Psalm of the Day is Psalm 73. Read through the psalm in its entirety. The author struggles with the apparent success of unbelievers compared to his own difficulties. However, his struggle is resolved in verse 17 and following. In what ways have you experienced this same struggle? How can you find this same resolution?

3. This is the final Sunday of our series Crushed. Review the different themes from the past weeks below. Which of them was most convicting? Which was most comforting? What can you do in your life to carry these truths with you?
 - Self-Righteousness is Crushed by Repentance
 - Our Temptation is Crushed by Christ's Obedience
 - Shortcuts are Crushed by Determination
 - False Security is Crushed by Faithful Presence
 - Our Condemnation is Crushed by God's Grace
 - Human Rejection is Crushed by Divine Exaltation



News & Announcements



This Sunday's Bible Study:

Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up? The Therapist or Spiritual Life Coach

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



Listening Session Next Sunday

April 10 | 9:15 AM

There will be a listening session between the services next Sunday to discuss the ministry plan for 2022-2023. Because of the outstanding call to Mrs. Tietz, the Council is holding off sharing any proposals until next Sunday. Note: The Sunday bible study will be cancelled on April 10, so everyone can attend. A voters' meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 PM.

Final Lenten Meal Is Youth Rally Fundraiser

April 6 | 4:00-6:00 PM

St. Paul's Youth will be serving our final Lenten meal this Wednesday, April 6. The freewill offering from this meal will help pay for them to attend the WELS International Youth Rally in Tennessee this summer. Come support our teens!

VBS Planning Begins

April 7 | 6:30 PM

It is still chilly outside, but it is time to start planning for vacation bible school. A meeting will be held this Thursday, to select a VBS program and plan advertising. Everyone is welcome to join the team. The meeting is at 6:30 PM.

Mission Rally in Plover

April 9 | 9:00-11:30 AM

Men and women, young and old, are invited to the Spring Mission Rally at Divine Word Lutheran Church in Plover on Saturday. Come and support home and world missions. Registration begins at 8:30 AM and thing wrap up before noon.

Holy Week Devotions

Be sure to pick up a copy of "God's Suffering Servant" from the table near the entrance. This devotional booklet from Martin Luther College has readings for each day of holy week. If you prefer an electronic copy, visit mlc-wels.net/publications/seasonal-devotions.

Middle Eastern Immigrant Community Drive

NLHS student, Ian Antoniewicz, is collecting items for the refugees in the Central Wisconsin area as part of the Central Wisconsin High School Leadership Program. Items needed include: new pillows, jackets, hygiene products, dish sets, towels, toilet paper, and cleaning supplies. There are donation boxes in the Welcome Center. Donations will be accepted until April 11.

- 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
- 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 Unified Board Meetings
- 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
 6:30 PM VBS Planning Meeting
- Sunday**
 8:00 AM Palm Sunday Worship
9:15 AM Listening Session in church
 9:15 AM Catechism Class
 9:15 AM Sunday School (grades 3K-6)
 10:30 AM Palm Sunday Worship
 2:00 PM Coed Volleyball in the gym

Attendance & Offering Report

Last Week's Attendance: 193

Midweek Lent Attendance: 111

Anticipated offerings YTD: \$ 588,900

Actual offerings YTD: \$ 554,363

YTD giving to the Organ Fund: \$ 113,791



**Orders for Easter Flowers
are due today!**

See the display
in the Welcome Center.



PALM SUNDAY, April 10
8:00 & 10:30AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 14
4:00 & 6:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY, April 15
12:10 & 6:30PM

EASTER SUNDAY, April 17
7:00 & 9:30AM



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