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Lent 5

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We're happy you're here to worship with us! We pray that the Lord bless you through his Word this morning.

Notes about your visit:

- If you have any **questions**, please don't hesitate to ask one of the greeters or anyone else.
- **Restrooms** – There are restrooms out the back doors and down the second hallway on the right.
- Parents, we are so glad that you have brought your little children to church this morning. If needed, there is a **nursery** out the back doors to the right.

Understanding the Church Year

Season of Lent

For over 1700 years the Church has set aside the 40 days before Easter as a time for repentance and prayer. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet as we set aside special time to solemnly remember our Lord's suffering and death – all that he endured for us and for our salvation.

Prayer Before Worship

*If my sins give me alarm and my conscience grieve me,
Let your cross my fear disarm; peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won by your holy passion.
If for me he slays his Son, God must have compassion!*

THE KINGDOM IS OURS IN CHRIST ALONE

OPENING HYMN

Christ, the Life of All the Living | 114 St. 1-4

INVOCATION

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 & ABSOLUTION

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.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

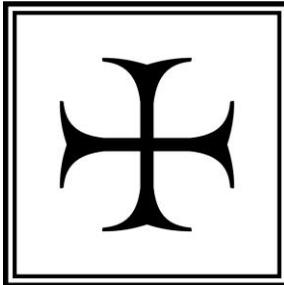
HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ, the Life of All the Living | 114, St. 5-7

***Thou hast suffered men to bruise thee that from pain I might be free;
Falsely did thy foes accuse thee – thence I gain security.
Comfortless thy soul did languish, me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.***

***Thou hast suffered great affliction and hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me.
Thou didst choose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.***

***Then, for all that wrought my pardon, for thy sorrows deep and sore,
For thine anguish in the garden, I will thank thee evermore,
Thank thee for thy groaning, sighing, for thy bleeding and thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry, and shall praise thee, Lord, on high.***



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: Amen.

The Word

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21 (ESV)

The same God who divided the Red Sea to save his people from the Egyptian army will provide for his people again. Even in the wilderness, God will provide water for his people! In these verses, God invites us to praise him for his eternal salvation – worked for us in Christ alone.

- 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.



THE SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14 (ESV)



Compared to what we have in Jesus, nothing in this world is worth anything. This truth gives us peace and motivation. As God's forgiven people, we press on toward the heavenly goal – the eternal prize that Christ himself has won for us.

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Song is Love Unknown | 110

SERMON

Luke 20:9-19 (EHV)

The Rejected Stone

⁹He began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, leased it to some tenant farmers, and went away on a journey for a long time. ¹⁰When it was the right time, he sent a servant to the tenants to collect his share of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenant farmers beat the servant and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹The man went ahead and sent yet another servant, but they also beat him, treated him shamefully,



and sent him away empty-handed. ¹² He then sent yet a third. They also wounded him and threw him out. ¹³ The owner of the vineyard said, 'What should I do? I will send my son, whom I love. Perhaps they will respect him.'

¹⁴ "But when the tenant farmers saw him, they talked it over with one another. They said, 'This is the heir. Let's kill him, so that the inheritance will be ours.' ¹⁵ They threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. So what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and destroy those tenant

farmers and give the vineyard to others."

When they heard this, they said, "May it never be!"

¹⁷ But he looked at them and said, "Then what about 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 it will crush the one on whom it falls."

¹⁹ That very hour the chief priests and the experts in the law began looking for a way to lay hands on him, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.



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.**

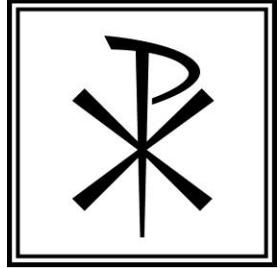
OFFERING

*"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver." - 2 Corinthians 9:7*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**



The Sacrament

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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



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.

THE 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 \mp 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 \mp 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.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

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.



DISTRIBUTION

Guests: *Living Savior practices member communion. We do this because the Bible teaches that not only do we receive Christ's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins in Holy Communion, but we are also confessing a oneness in the faith.*

For this reason, if you are not a member of Living Savior or the WELS, we want to give you a chance to learn what we believe and teach before we ask you to join us for communion. Please speak to Pastor if you are interested in joining us for communion in the future. Thank you.

COMMUNION HYMN

Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face | 315

SONG OF SIMEON



G In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser-vant now de -
part ac - cord-ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal-
va - tion, which you have pre-pared for ev-'ry peo-ple, a
light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo-ry of your peo-ple
Is - ra - el. In peace, in peace.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

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News and Notes

Devoted – Based on what the Bible says about truth and love, how should we approach the various aspects of worship? Stick around for Bible Class as we apply and discuss the principles God gives us in his Word regarding church fellowship.

Mornings with Mommy – Check out the back table in the narthex to find a list of ways you can help with Mornings with Mommy. If you have questions, feel free to talk to Deb Johnson or Pastor.

Serving at Living Savior

Greeters:

Today: Landers

Next Sunday: Murphy

Cleaners:

This Week: Fleigs/Murphy

Music:

Today: Jon

Camera:

Today: Terry

Next Sunday: Gil

This Week at Living Savior

Monday	6:00 pm: Choir Practice
Wednesday	6:15 pm: Soup Supper
	7:00 pm: Lenten Worship
Saturday	9:00 am: Spring Cleaning
	2:00 pm: Confirmation Class

In our prayers this week:

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

-Philippians 4:6

- ❖ Eunice Schulz: Eunice is one of our shut-ins who lives at Brookdale Missoula Valley. We pray for continuing faith, strength, and peace as she experiences failing health.
- ❖ Gil Turner: Gil continues to battle cancer.
- ❖ *How can we pray for you? Let Pastor know!*



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.
 2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh,
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,



He is my light, my strength, my song;
 Full - ness of God in help - less babe.
 Light of the world by dark - ness slain;
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me;



This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness,
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,



Firm through the fier - est drought and storm.
 Scorned by the ones he came to save.
 Up from the grave he rose a - gain!
 Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.



What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died,
 And as he stands in vic - tor - y,
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man



When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!
 The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
 Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;

My Com - for - ter, my all in all,
 For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.
 For I am his and he is mine—
 Till he re - turns or calls me home,

(Fine)

Here in the love of Christ I stand.
 Here in the death of Christ I live.
 Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

This christological hymn summarizes the sacrificial, earthly life of our Savior and the glory that is now his forever and ours through faith.

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