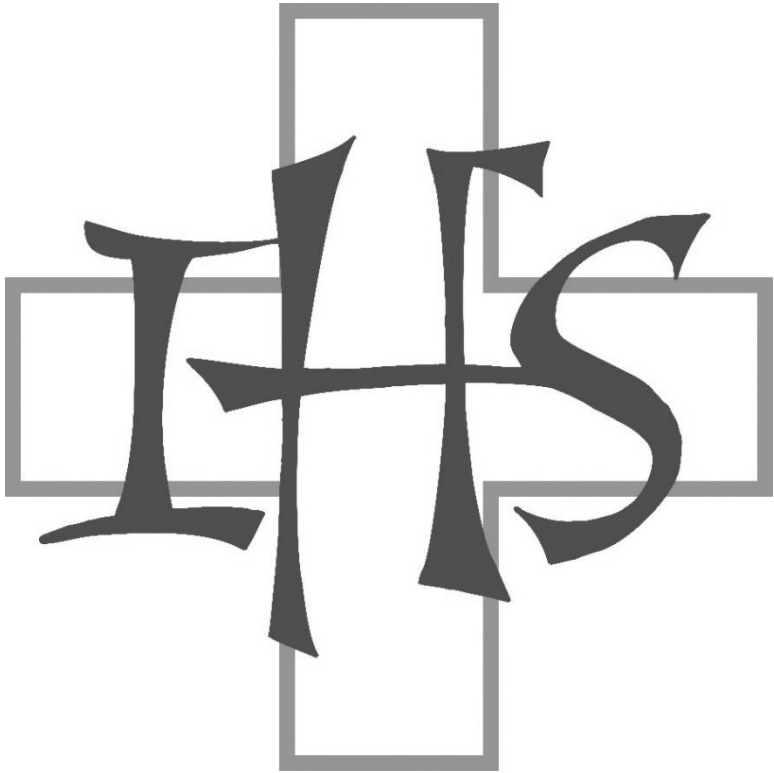


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

A Community of Faith: *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. *Romans 5:8*

Order of Worship

March 12, 2023 10:45 AM

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Introit

Psalm 84:5, 1-4

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

How lovely is your dwelling place,

O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!

Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

If you are a visitor with us this morning and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor before the service.

Thank you.

Third Sunday in Lent

Divine Service

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son *Matthew 28:19*
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;

C In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch. *Psalms 5:3*

P My mouth is filled with Your praise,

C And with Your glory all the day. *Psalms 71:8*

P O Lord, open my lips,

C And my mouth will declare Your praise. *Psalms 51:15*

Opening Song

My Hope

Baloche, Kerr, Mellinger, Rabe

Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Chorus x2

4

1.Nothing will change if

5 all the plans I make go wrong; Your love stays the same; Your

8 light will guide me through it all; I'm hang-ing on, I'm lean-ing in to You;

11

2.Nothing can reach the

14 3.You are my Rock when

end of all Your faith-ful-ness; Your grace is with me through
storms are rag-ing all a-round; You shel-ter me, God; I'm

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16 ev - 'ry sha - dow, ev - 'ry test; I'm
 17 safe with You on sol - id ground; I'm
 hang-ing on, I'm lean-ing in to You;—
 21 hang-ing on, I'm lean-ing in to You;—
 I don't know where You'll— take— me,— but
 23 I know You're al - ways good.—— My hope is built on
 26 noth-ing less than Your Great love, Your right-eous-ness
 29 I will not walk an - oth - er way; I trust Your heart, I
 32 trust Your name; I'm hold-ing on,— I'm hold-ing on— to You.
 36 — 1. 4 2. Chorus
 My hope is built on noth-ing less
 43 than Your Great love, Your right-eous-ness I will not walk an -
 46 oth - er way; I trust Your heart, I trust Your name; I'm hold - ing on,—
 50 I'm hold - ing on— to You.—

Prayer of Confession

- P** Holy Lord, as we stand in your presence, we are aware of our sins of thought, word, and action.
- C** **We have not lived our lives according to your will.**

- P** We have failed to live up to your expectations.
- C** **We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

Confession and Absolution

- P** Hear us now, O Lord, as we confess our failings to you:
- 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.**

Song

Send Your Rain

Dalton & Dalton

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus x2

VERSE 1

Our hearts are dry and thirsty, our
land is parched and bare, give us riv - ers in the des -

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ert, let them o - ver - flow; Come and rain... up - on

us, wash us with Your wa - ter, Give us life a - new

till our hearts are owned by You. Send Your

♩ CHORUS

rain, send Your rain, pour

out Your Spir - it, wa - ter all the earth; Send Your

rain, send Your rain, fill us with Your pow - er,

Fine

flood us with Your light, send Your rain.

VERSE 2

Soft-en us with show-ers, the out-pour-ing of Your Spir-

it, for Your streams are full of wa-ter, let them o-ver-

flow; Pour it out up-on us till ev-'ry

tribe and ev-'ry tongue, ev-'ry na-tion is down up-on their

D.S. al Fine

knees be-fore You, Lord. Send Your

Psalm

Psalm 95:1–9

Spoken responsively

¹Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

³For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

**⁴In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

⁵The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

**⁶Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

⁷For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

**Today, if you hear his voice,
⁸do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,**

⁹when your fathers put me to the test
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Prayer

P 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 Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17:1–7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 5:1–8

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁵[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

²⁷Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" ²⁸So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹"Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" ³⁰They went out of the town and were coming to him. . . .

³⁹Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Sermon Song Rock Of Ages (You Will Stand) *Baloche, Brown, Mote*

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus x3



1. On Christ, the sol - id___ Rock,___ I___ stand;
2. When dark-ness seems___ to___ hide___ Your face,



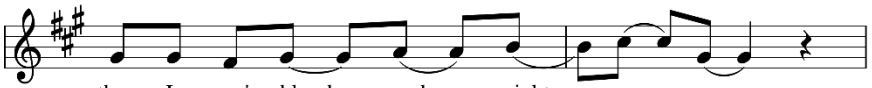
All oth - er ground___ is___ sink - ing___ sand;_
I rest on Your___ un - chang - ing___ grace;



Great is Your faith - ful-ness, great___ is Your love, O___ God;___
Great is Your faith - ful-ness, great___ is Your love, O___ God;___



My hope is built___ on___ noth - ing___ less___
In ev - 'ry high___ and___ storm - y___ gale,___



than Je - sus' blood___ and___ right - eous - ness;_
my an - chor holds___ with - in___ the___ veil;___



Great is Your faith - ful-ness, great___ is Your love, O___ God. ___
Great is Your faith - ful-ness, great___ is Your love, O___ God. ___



Rock of ___ a - ges,___ You will stand,___ our four-da -



- tion___ 'til the end;___ Nev - er___ fail - ing,___



God un - chang - ing,___ Rock of ___ a - ges,___ You will stand. ___

1. 2.

Rock of a -
 ges, - You will stand, - our foun-da - tion.
 'til the end; - Nev-er fail - ing, God un - chang -
 ing, Rock of a - ges, - You will stand. - Rock of a -
 ges, - You will stand, - our foun-da - tion.
 'til the end; - Nev-er fail - ing, -
 God un - chang - ing, - Rock of a - ges, -
 You will stand. -

Sermon



Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Response after each petition

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Lord God, heavenly Father, to You all hearts are open and all sins are known. Strengthen our hearts by Your grace, that we who daily sin much would make confession boldly and then joyfully receive Your precious word of absolution; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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,

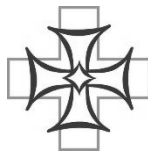
but deliver us from evil.

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever
and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**



Song

By Your Blood

Christensen

Chorus x2, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus x2

CHORUS

B \flat /C F 2

By Your blood I will come bold - ly,

Gm 7 C

run in - to Your pres - ence,

Gm 7 C F 2 B \flat /C

bow in hum - ble rev - rence be - fore Your throne: For the

F 2

blood of Christ has spo - ken, the

Gm 7 C

pow'r of sin's been bro - ken. the

Gm 7 C F Fine C/E

gates of heav'n are o - pen by Your blood. With Your

VERSE

Dm 7 Am 7

eyes of love up - on me, You have

continued on next page

Gm7 B \flat /C F C/E
 suf - fered in my place: O, the
 Dm7 Am7
 mark of sin up - on me, on - ly
 Gm7 Abmaj7 B \flat /C D.S. al Fine
 mer - cy could e - rase. By Your

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Resources for Meditation this Week

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

12 March 2022

Readings

Exodus 17:1–7

Romans 5:1–8

John 4:5–26 (27–30, 39–42)

We Worship the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Spirit and Truth of His Gospel

Though the Lord had brought them out of Egypt, *“all the congregation of the people of Israel”* grumbled against Him because *“there was no water for the people to drink”* (Ex. 17:1). Despite their quarreling, the Lord graciously provided for them. He did not strike the people for their sins, but by the hand of Moses He struck the rock instead and brought forth water for the people. In the same way, living water flows from the pierced side of Christ at *“about the sixth hour”* (John 4:6; 19:14), when He is lifted up on the cross for the sins of the world. He is *“the gift of God”* (John 4:10), the well from which the Holy Spirit is poured out and becomes in His people *“a spring of water welling up to eternal life”* (John 4:14). By this grace in which we stand, being at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, we *“worship the Father in spirit and truth”* (John 4:23). *“We rejoice in hope of the glory of God”* because *“God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us”* (Rom. 5:2, 5).



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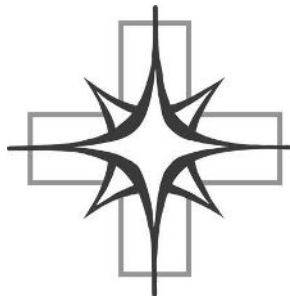
Isaiah 42:14–21

Ephesians 5:8–14

John 9:1–41 or John 9:1–7, 13–17, 34–39

By His Word of the Gospel, Jesus Calls Us Out of the Darkness into His Marvelous Light

The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. *"For his righteousness' sake,"* He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns *"the darkness before them into light"* (Is. 42:16) because He is *"the light of the world"* (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God does the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in His own flesh *"while it is day,"* until that night *"when no one can work"* (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though *"at one time you were darkness,"* now *"you are light in the Lord"* (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to *"awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead"* (Eph. 5:14).



Lent, Holy Week & Easter Worship

Please join us in worship this Lent & Easter season



Midweek Lent Services

Wednesday, March 15th at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 22nd at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 29th at 7:00 pm



Palm Sunday Services

Sunday, April 2nd at 8:00 am & 10:45 am



Holy (Maundy) Thursday Service

Thursday, April 6th at 7:00 pm



Good Friday Service

Friday, April 7th at 7:00 pm



Easter Services

Sunday, April 9th at

6:00 am (*sunrise*)

8:00 am (*traditional*) & 10:45 am (*blended*)