

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 3, 2022

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

Pastor: With the promise of mercy comes the warning of judgment. That is the message we have heard throughout this season of Lent. In the parable Jesus spoke, the mercy of God is lavish and entirely too generous to be reasonable. God is relentless in His pursuit of us, but those who reject His mercy are condemned to stand alone before the judgment seat. The promise and a warning go together and will always go together until the saving work of God is complete and we live in His presence on high forevermore.

(Please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation” *LSB 644 vs 1,4,5*

**The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord
She is His new creation
By water and the Word
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life He died**

Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest

Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won
O blessed heav'nly chorus
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we like saints before us
May see You face to face

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated or kneel for the confession and absolution)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 3:4, 8*

Pastor: Salvation belongs to the LORD;

People: Your blessing be upon Your people!

Pastor: I cried aloud to the LORD,

People: and He answered me from His holy hill.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

Pastor: Deliver us, O Lord, from all our sin, and restore us by Your promise.

People: We confess to You, O Lord, that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by the evils we have done and by the good we have not done. We have rejected Your Word as You have sent it to us to call us to repentance and have refused Your mercy. Deliver us from our hardness of heart. Forgive us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Restore us by Your grace, that we may walk according to Your Word and delight in You in our inmost heart. Amen.

Pastor: 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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

Pastor: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand)

✠ WORD ✠

KYRIE *LSB, p. 288*

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ,

People: hear us.

Pastor: God the Father in heaven,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: God the Holy Spirit,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: Be gracious to us.

People: Spare us, good Lord.

Pastor: Be gracious to us.

People: Help us, good Lord.

Pastor: From all sin, from all error, from all evil;

From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death; From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion; From lightning and tempest; from all

calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Pastor: By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity; By Your Baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and Passion; by Your precious death and burial; By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

People: Help us, good Lord.

Pastor: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

People: Help us, good Lord.

Pastor: We poor sinners implore You

People: to hear us, O Lord.

Pastor: To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living; To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived; To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor: To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor: To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need; To direct and defend our [president/queen/king] and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people; To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel; To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them; To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor: To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

People: we implore You to hear us.

Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin
of the world,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin
of the world,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin
of the world,

People: grant us Your peace.

Pastor: O Christ,

People: hear us.

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy. Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY

Pastor: This is the last Sunday before we enter Holy Week. On this day, we hear the warning of the Lord against those who refuse His mercy as well as the promise that those who trust in Him will never be forsaken. **Isaiah** gives us the promise of a new thing that the people God has formed to be His own might declare His praise forever. **In his letter to the Philippians**, Paul urges us to press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God. **In the Gospel**, the Lord tells another parable in which He warns that the same cornerstone that holds up the house of God's mercy will become the stone that crushes those who reject it.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 43:16–21 ESV*

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. 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. 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, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Philippians 3:8–14 ESV*

Indeed, 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 and 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 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not 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. Brothers, 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, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

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

People: (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 20:9–20 ESV*

And 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. When 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. And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He

will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’? Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” The 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. So 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” *LSB 575 vs 1 & 2*

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

++ SERMON ++

Christ: Our Foundations Stone

Text: Luke 20:9–20 (The Gospel Lesson)

Theme: Jesus is our Lord and the foundation stone of our life and salvation.

Goal: That the hearer receive Christ as he is: the foundation stone of our life and salvation.

(Please stand)

HYMN

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” *LSB* 575 vs 3 & 4

**His oath, His covenant, and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way
He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before the throne!
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

CREED

Nicene Creed

People:

**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.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son,
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and
apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the
remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the
dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come.
Amen.**

(Please be seated or kneel for the prayer)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Come, let us offer to the Lord the prayers of our heart, trusting in His mercy to supply all things needful for this body and life and for eternal life. Give to us grace, heavenly Father, that we not reject Christ the cornerstone but build on Him our hopes of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give to us grace, heavenly Father, that we hear the voice of Your Word, heed the call of the prophets, and faithfully proclaim this Gospel to all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give to us grace, heavenly Father, that all our leaders guide us according to Your Word in the cause of justice and for the provision of the common good. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give to us grace, heavenly Father, that we repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ our Savior, and show forth in our lives the good works You desire. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give to us grace, heavenly Father, that we find refuge in Your healing wounds. [*Hear us as we pray for.....* Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give to us grace, heavenly Father, that we acknowledge Your goodness and use well all the resources You have supplied us so that Your name be glorified. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give to us grace, heavenly Father, that we who approach the Table of Your Son be worthy in faith to receive His body and blood, bear the fruits of repentance in our daily lives, and live in unity of faith and godly concord. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give us grace, heavenly Father, to confess You before the world and at the last to rest our hope upon the promise of the resurrection when we shall dwell together with all the saints, in light and life forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand)

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: We honor You, O Lord, with the praise and thanksgiving of a grateful heart, joyfully acknowledging Your goodness in sending Your own Son to be our Savior and Redeemer. Though He was rejected by men and crucified on the cross, You delivered us by His suffering and death and forgiving our sins, counted us worthy to stand before You and to serve You. With the saints of old, the angels and archangels, and the

whole company of heaven, we join in their
unending hymn of praise:

SANCTUS (SUNG) LSB 195

**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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: From before the foundation of the world, O Lord,
You raised up a plan of salvation and gave us the
promise of Your own Son to be our Savior. When
we rejected the word of the prophets and
surrendered Him to a death we deserved, You
bestowed upon us the fruits of His obedient life
and saved us by His one, all-sufficient sacrifice on
the cross. Living as Your own people, called and
gathered by the Spirit working through the voice
of Your Word, we come now to receive His body
and blood according to His own testament for the
forgiveness of our sins and for the assurance of
our eternal salvation.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: **“Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: **“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: **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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI (SUNG) LSB 198

**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.**

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” *LSB* 761

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die**

**While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.**

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (sung) TLH p. 29-30

**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**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, King of glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

“Christ, the Life of All the Living” *LSB 420 vs 6 & 7*

Thou has suffered great affliction

And has born 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

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Glenn Cairns, Elder & Reader

Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Lilies

\$10 per plant

Take home Easter Sunday

Sign up in Narthex until next week 4/10

Place money with name in the offering plate

Palm Sunday Potluck

Please join us after service on April 10th

Sign up sheet in the Narthex

Please bring 1 main dish & 1 side/dessert

Important Information

we **ADDED** a 12:00pm service for Good Friday

Are you in need of

Snow Removal

Spring Clean Up

Grass Cutting

Small Landscaping jobs

Please call **Ryan Ladach Jr @ 947-252-0363**

NEWS FROM THE ZONE LWML

The Spring Rep meeting is scheduled for the 22nd of March, 2022 at 7:00 pm at Christ the King (the Trenton Road location (15600 Trenton Road, Southgate) in the West Gallery. This is an important meeting because information will be shared concerning the upcoming LWML Convention in Frankenmuth.

Also save the date of the Spring Rally, April 19, 2022, also at Christ the King the Trenton Road location.

Attendance

Sunday March 27th 9:30 am 39

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Birthdays

Jillian Ladach – April 4th
Kristen Skilliter – April 5th
Pat McNeil – April 6th

For the Shut-Ins

Dorothy MacTavish, at home
George Morton, at home
Carmell Faulk, at home
Phyllis Witte, at home
Melvin Kimbrough, at home
Lynn Mayfield, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Pat Bates, in her need for more blood

Sean Stamp, hospitalized with complications from surgery

Michel H, Friend of Kim Armstrong, had open heart surgery 3/18 in Florida. Being watched for pneumonia as he is having difficulty breathing. He also needs surgery on both legs so he can walk again.

Cheryl Celina, Friend of Pam Benford, Diagnosed with Parkinson's

All the people of Ukraine;

Verna m. Lattimore, hospitalized;

Mr. D. Nicholson, ill;

Nicholas, Laurie's nephew, heart tests;

Sharon Lozon, friend of Pam Benford, hospitalized;

The Myer's family, Kim Armstrong's Aunt, in the death of Aunt Reitha

Shari Ballard & family, in the loss of her father;

Todd Allendorf, Sally Trout's brother;

Chris Sloan, Glenn Cairn's, nephew;

Veronica Sanders, ill;

Paul Utcai, recovering from surgery at home;