

4th Weekend in Lent March 31 & April 1, 2019

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God’s holy and powerful word. Also,

- † Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- † We love families! Your children are welcome in our service! Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children’s bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- † Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- † If you want to review or share today’s service, you can find it on our website.
- † For upcoming events and activities, “like” us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY’S THEME:
REPENTANT SINNERS REJOICE IN “FOOLISH” FORGIVENESS

Worship Participants

Liturgist Pastor Brian Adams
Preacher Pastor Jacob Hoff
Organist Miss Heather Schmidt

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

DIVINE SERVICE I

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THE OPENING HYMN “Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

Christian Worship #397



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind;
 5 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive,



But that thy blood was shed for me
 To rid my soul of one dark blot,
 With man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt,
 Sight, rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,
 Wilt wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve;



And that thou bidd’st me come to thee,
 To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
 Fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 Yea, all I need, in thee to find,
 Be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown
 Has broken ev’ry barrier down.
 Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Please Stand

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



P: 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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The song of praise is omitted during Lent.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be Seated

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON **Isaiah 12:1-6**

In that day you will say:

“I will praise you, LORD.

Although you were angry with me,
your anger has turned away
and you have comforted me.

² Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust and not be afraid.

The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense;
he has become my salvation.”

³ With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.

⁴ In that day you will say:

“Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done,
and proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵ Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;
let this be known to all the world.

⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 115

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Please join in singing the refrain at the beginning and repeat it as indicated.

Refrain

Not un-to us, O Lord, but to your name be the glo - ry.

Psalm Tone

Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness.
Why do the nations say, “Where is their God?”
Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.

The LORD remembers us and will bless us:
He will bless the house of Israel,
he will bless those who fear the LORD—
small and great alike.

Psalm continues on next page

Refrain

Not un-to us, O Lord, but to your name be the glo - ry.

Psalm Tone

May the LORD make you increase,
both you and your children.
May you be blessed by the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

The highest heavens belong to the LORD,
but the earth he has given to man.
It is not the dead who praise the LORD,
it is we who extol the LORD, both now and forevermore.

Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON..... 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

²⁰Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²²Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (*John 3:16*)

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON..... Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

¹³ “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹ “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

²² “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill

it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷ ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

²⁸ “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

³¹ “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Please be Seated

THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... "Jesus Sinners Does Receive"
Christian Worship #304



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; Oh, may all this
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the
 4 Come, O sin - ners, one and all, Come, ac - cept his
 5 I, a sin - ner, come to you With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
 Lord for - sak - en; Wea - ry souls who lost their way
 in - vi - ta - tion. Come, o - bey his gra - cious call;
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;



And from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope
 Here their ills have per - fect heal - ing Who with hum -
 Are by Christ, the shep - herd, tak - en In his arms
 Come and take his free sal - va - tion! Firm - ly in
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words



for all who grieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 ble hearts be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 that they may live— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 these words be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 my soul re - ceive— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

6 Oh, how blest it is to know,
 Were as scarlet my transgression,
 It shall be as white as snow
 By your blood and bitter passion,
 For these words I do believe—
 Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive.
 Even I have been forgiven.
 And when I this earth must leave,
 I shall find an open heaven.
 Dying, still to him I cleave—
 Jesus sinners does receive.

THE SERMON 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Please Stand

CREATE IN ME



Cre - ate in me a



pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -



in me. Do not cast me a - way from your



pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from



me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -



hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Please Be Seated

THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

THE OFFERING PRAYER

Please Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE 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.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

P: 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.

Please be Seated

THE CLOSING HYMN..... "Drawn to the Cross" *Christian Worship #387*

1 Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed With heal - ing
2 How well you know my griefs and fears; Your grace a -
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing
4 To pledge my la - bor will - ing - ly, Which shall so

gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in you my
bused, my mis - spent years; So now to you with
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing through your
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might

life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
cross and pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL MEETING: Our next call meeting to issue a call to teach 1st grade will be next Sunday, April 7th at 11:30 AM. We encourage all voting members to attend.



MIDWEEK LENT 2019: In the gospel accounts of Jesus' passion, there are several striking three-word phrases, such as "Love one another," "Watch and pray," and "It is finished." This Lenten season, we will look at these phrases. We hope that we can once again see the rich meaning and purpose of God's Word, even in the smallest pieces of dialogue. The schedule for these midweek services are below.

- Ash Wednesday – March 6 – "Love One Another" (Pastor Hoff)
- Midweek Lent 2 – March 13 – "Is It I" (Pastor Unnasch)
- Midweek Lent 3 – March 20 – "Watch and Pray" (Pastor Gaertner)
- Midweek Lent 4 – March 27 – "What is Truth?" (Pastor Adams)
- Midweek Lent 5 – April 3 – "I Am He" (Pastor Unnasch)
- Midweek Lent 6 – April 10 – "Take Him Away" (Pastor Marshall)

The times of the services are 3:30 and 6:30 pm. Please come join us.

CHURCH CLEANING: We would like to do a thorough church cleaning on Saturday, April 13th at 9:00 AM to get the church ready for our Easter services. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jacque Vallier at (414) 421-2392 or Jane Koplein at (414) 510-9291.

EASTER FLOWERS: If you would like to order flowers to decorate the church for Easter, the cost is \$8.00 per plant. There are many varieties and colors to choose from. Please see the sign-up sheet on the narthex counter for more information. You may take the plants home after the Easter services.

EASTER BREAKFAST SIGN-UP SHEETS: We will be having our Easter breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 21st at 7:00 AM. Please see the sign-up sheets on the narthex counter for the various ways you can help!

USHERS: We have several open spots on our usher crews. Please consider serving your congregation in this way. If you are able to help, please contact Kyle Brightsman at (414) 335-2906 or kbg5217@gmail.com.

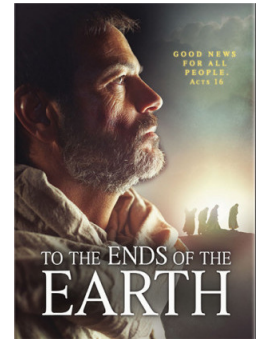
"TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH" BIBLE STUDY: In the sequence of *Road to Emmaus*, *Come Follow Me*, and *My Son My Savior* is the fourth and final movie from WELS, titled "*To the Ends of the Earth*." The movie follows Paul's remarkable visit to the city of Philippi, recorded in Acts 16. It shows how the Apostle Paul connected with people from all walks of life, demonstrating that the good news of Jesus is indeed for all people—to the very ends of the earth.

Jesus was God's answer of love for people of every culture or background. The message of Jesus is a power that changes even the most unlikely hearts. It gives truth to the seeker, hope to the hopeless, and freedom to the oppressed. God sends messengers to share the life-changing story of Jesus to the ends of the earth.

During this study, we will be watching the movie divided into six parts. They are:

1. The Call of God (Paul)
2. The Gospel Goes to Foreign Cultures (Timothy)
3. The Seeker Discovers Truth (Lydia)
4. The Oppressed is Set Free (Slave girl)
5. The Hopeless Gains Faith (Jailer)
6. The Believers Gather in Joy (Philippi church)

Copies will be made available to anyone as well. Please come and join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15am. Anyone is welcome to join us.



UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS: In order to encourage everyone getting to know each other, there are a couple of upcoming activities. Below is a brief schedule of those activities.

- April 21st – Easter breakfast
- May 5th – Breakfast between the services
- June 2nd – Recognition of High School Graduates
- June 9th – Church Picnic
- July 10th – Campfire Picnic (VBC)

Please join us. All are welcome!

PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR: Join us at Power Hour two Thursdays a month! Open to children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Meet us in the church narthex from 10:45-11:45 AM on the following dates: April 11th & 25th and May 9th & 23rd.

SAVE THE DATE: Next year's Vacation Bible Camp will be held July 8-12, 2019. Registration will take place later in spring.

WLHS DINNER AUCTION: Everyone is invited to Wisconsin Lutheran High School for the annual dinner auction on Saturday, April 6, at 5:00 p.m. Under the theme "Prepare for Trumpets," the gym will be transformed into an elegant dinner venue and will include silent and verbal auction, raffles, and more! Reserve a table of 10 or single tickets at www.wlhs.org/auction. For auction information, sponsorship opportunities, or to donate an auction item contact Heidi Witz at 414-453-4567, ext. 2004 or planner@wlhs.org.

WLHS SACRED CHORAL CONCERT: The WLHS Spring Sacred Choral Concert will be held Saturday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. The concert will feature WLHS choirs and instrumentals. Admission is free, and a freewill offering will be taken during the concert.

WLHS WORK DAYS: Do you have yard work or spring cleaning that needs to get done such as watering, planting flowers, laying mulch, washing windows, etc.? Consider hiring hard-working members of WLHS student council for a day or a few hours for a free-will donation. All money raised will go to WLHS' mission project to support ministry in Ethiopia. The work days will be held on any Saturday or Sunday from April 13-May 19. To request a team, please contact Claire Albrecht at 262-751-2153 or albrechtcl19@wlhs.org with your name, address, phone number, the work you need accomplished, and the day(s) this work could be completed.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS FOR THIS WEEK (March 31 & April 1)

8:00 AM – Steve & Theresa Mess

10:30 AM – Carl & Carolyn Streeter; Eli & Sam

6:30 PM – {sign up to be a greeter!}

GREETERS FOR MIDWEEK LENT (April 3)

3:30 PM – 7th & 8th Grade Students

6:30 PM – {sign up to be a greeter!}

GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK (April 7 & 8)

8:00 AM – Terry & Linda Ganyo

10:30 AM – John & Karen Milazzo; Cameron, Trevor, Logan & Kendall

6:30 PM – Walter & Laurie Falkowski

USHERS FOR MIDWEEK LENT (April 3)

3:30 PM – 7th & 8th Grade Students

6:30 PM – TEAM #7 – David Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Luke Raduenz, Randy Raduenz

USHERS FOR MARCH

8:00 AM – TEAM #3 – Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Todd Grunze, Frank Krajewski

10:30 AM – TEAM #7 – David Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Luke Raduenz, Randy Raduenz

6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

USHERS FOR APRIL

8:00 AM – TEAM #4 – Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser

10:30 AM – TEAM #8 – Walter Falkowski, Terry Ganyo, Jacob Marciniak, Fred Socha

6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

ALTAR GUILD

March 27-Apr 2 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

April 3-9 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

March 31: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug

April 7: Set-up – Don & Marge Gebert, Clean-up – Mark & Kristin Hernon

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 31

Worship Service 8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/PSCIC..... 9:15 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM

Monday, April 1

Lutheran Girl Pioneers 6:00 PM
Worship Service 6:30 PM

Tuesday, April 2

Board of Education 6:30 PM

Wednesday, April 3

Midweek Lenten Worship..... 3:30 PM
Midweek Lenten Worship..... 6:30 PM

Thursday, April 4

Preschool Power Hour 10:45 AM
Board of Outreach 6:30 PM

Friday, April 5

School Devotion 8:30 AM

Sunday, April 7

Worship Service with Communion 8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/PSCIC..... 9:15 AM
Worship Service with Communion 10:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 108, 10:30 AM – 122, 6:30 PM – 67

Total Attendance – 297

Midweek Lent 3:30 PM – 48, 6:30 PM – 39

Sunday Bible Class – 29, Sunday School – 17