

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:
GREATNESS IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Worship Participants

Liturgist Pastor Jacob Hoff
Preacher Pastor Brian Adams
Organist Mrs. Sharon Larsen

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE OF THE WORD

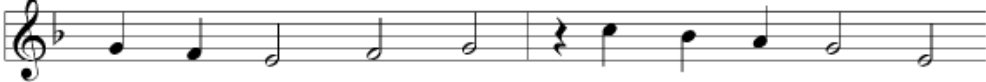
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THE OPENING HYMN “Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains”

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1 En - slaved by sin and bound in chains, Be - neath its
 2 Nor gold nor gems could buy our peace, Nor all the
 3 Je - sus, the Lord, the might - y God, An all - suf -
 4 Je - sus the sac - ri - fice be - came To res - cue
 5 A - maz - ing good - ness! Love di - vine! Oh, may our



dread - ful ty - rant sway, And doomed to ev - er -
 world’s col - lect - ed store Suf - fice to pur - chase
 fi - cient ran - som paid. O match - less price! His
 guilt - y souls from hell; The spot - less, bleed - ing,
 grate - ful hearts a - dore The match - less grace nor



last - ing pains We wretch - ed, guilt - y cap - tives lay.
 our re - lease; A thou - sand worlds were all too poor.
 pre - cious blood For vile, re - bel - lious trai - tors shed.
 dy - ing Lamb Be - neath a - veng - ing jus - tice fell.
 yield to sin Nor wear its cru - el fet - ters more!

Please stand

THE INVOCATION

P: 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.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

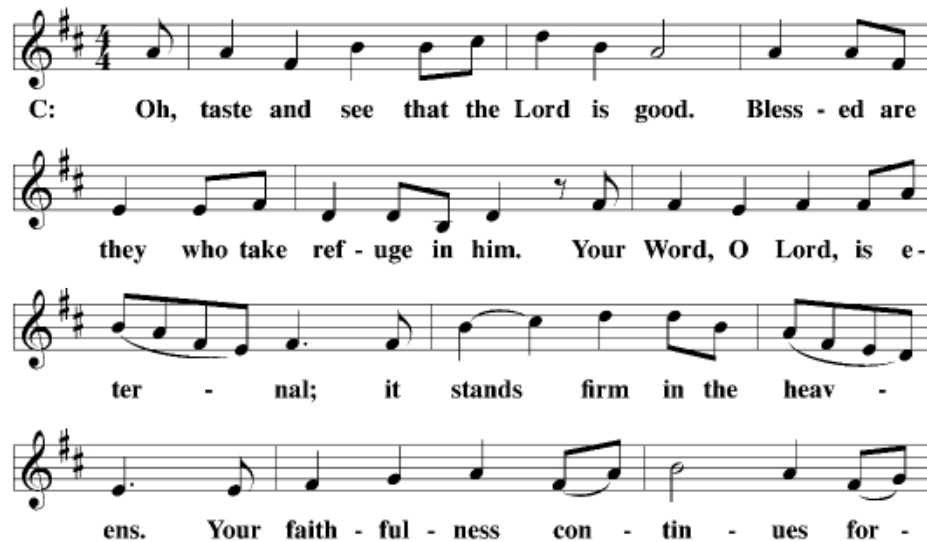
C: Amen.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

OH, TASTE AND SEE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.



Please be seated

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 37:1-11

^{37:1} Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan. ² This is the account of Jacob's family line.

Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. ⁴ When his brothers

saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

⁵ Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. ⁶ He said to them, “Listen to this dream I had: ⁷ We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it.”


⁸ His brothers said to him, “Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?” And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

⁹ Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. “Listen,” he said, “I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.”

¹⁰ When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, “What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?” ¹¹ His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY..... **Psalm 42-43**
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Refrain



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Psalm tone



As the deer pants for streams of water,*
so my soul pants for you, O God.

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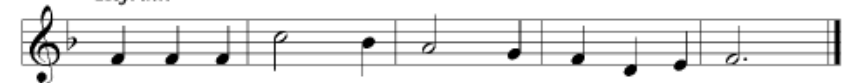
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.*
Where can I go and meet with God?

Why are you downcast, O my soul?*

Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God,*
for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Refrain



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Psalm tone



Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me;*
let them bring me to the place where you dwell.

Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and my delight.*
I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

**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.**

Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON..... **Romans 8:1-10**

^{8:1} Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ²
because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from

the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

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.....Matthew 20:17-28

¹⁷ Now Jesus was going up to Jerusalem. On the way, he took the Twelve aside and said to them, ¹⁸ "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death ¹⁹ and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!"

²⁰ Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him.

²¹ "What is it you want?" he asked.

She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."

²² "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?"

"We can," they answered.

²³ Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."

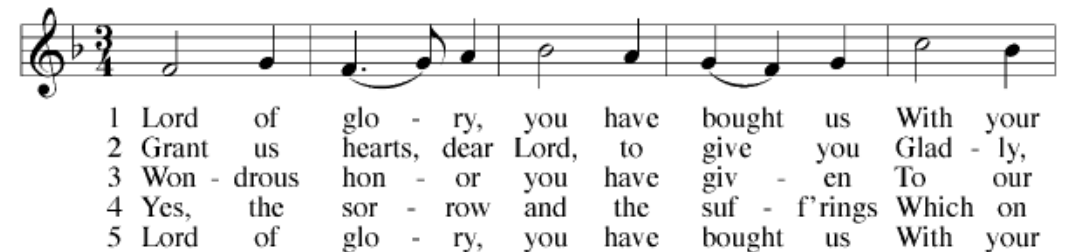
²⁴ When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. ²⁵ Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."



Please be seated

THE HYMN OF THE DAY....."Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

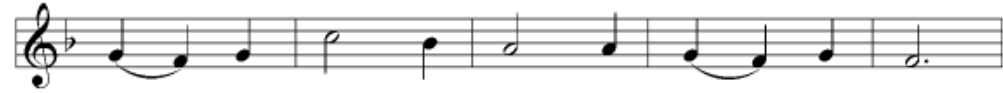
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life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
 free - ly, of your own. With the sun - shine of your
 hum - blest char - i - ty In your own mys - te - rious
 ev - 'ry hand we view Chan - nels are for gifts and
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice,
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 sen - tence, "You have done it un - to me."
 of - f'ings Due by sol - emn right to you,
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That you
 Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we
 Give us faith to trust you bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To th' un - thank - ful and the
 you, at length be - lieve That more hap - py and more
 need what we can do, Say - ing by your poor and
 may not choose but pay Lest that face of love and
 stay our souls on you; But, oh, best of all your



e - vil With your own un - spar - ing hand.
 bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
 need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you?"
 pit - y Turn from us a - noth - er day.
 gra - ces, With your love our love re - new.

THE SERMONMatthew 20:17-28

Please stand

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

THANKSGIVING

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.

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



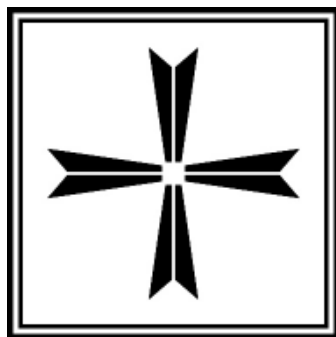
THE BLESSING

P: 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.



Please be seated



CLOSING HYMN **“Speak, O Lord”**
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1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -
 2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
 3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word. Take your truth, plant it
 rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our
 grasp the heights of your plans for us. Truths un - changed from the



deep in us; Shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness That the
 at - ti tudes In the ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
 dawn of time, That will e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of love and our
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au
 grace we'll stand on your pro - mis - es, And by faith we'll walk as you



deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us All your
 thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail, Let their
 walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your Church is built And you



pur - pos - es for your glo - ry.
 truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
 fill the earth with your glo - ry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP SERVICES: Going through the attic or garage, a person sometimes runs across an old toy, a picture, a high chair or piece of furniture, and a flood of memories comes pouring in. What to others might have no meaning is to another a piece of personal history. Certain objects have the power to bring to mind a whole lifetime. So, it is with the Lenten history. There are things that bring to mind the dramatic, final hours of our Lord's life, things to remember him by.

This year we will take a look at the objects found in the Lenten history and ask ourselves the question: *"Remember this?"* Our Midweek Lent worship services begin on Wednesday, March 1st. They are at 3:30pm and 6:30pm for six weeks. We will once again be rotating with other WELS pastors. The schedule is below. Please come and join us as we walk with our Savior to the cross.

- March 1 – "The Sword and the Severed Ear" (Pastor Adams)
- March 8 – "The Wash Basin" (Pastor Unnasch)
- March 15 – "The Silver, the Kiss and the Rope" (Pastor Gaertner)
- March 22 – "The Table" (Pastor Hoff)
- March 29 – "The Cross" (Pastor Gurgel)
- April 5 – "The Crown, the Staff and the Robe" (Pastor Marshall)

EASTER BREAKFAST SIGN-UP SHEETS: We will be having our Easter breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 16th at 7:00 AM. Please see the sign-up sheets on the narthex counter for the various ways you can help!

BIBLE STUDY – Clean Out Those Itching Ears: Christian Apologetic Witnessing: As Christians it is our duty to share Jesus. In our world today, sharing Jesus often means responding to sometimes aggressive unbelievers and skeptics in a loving yet intelligent way. This class aims to equip you to tackle some very explosive issues head on and examine how you can defend Biblical teaching in a logical way, but also turn the focus onto what matters most – Jesus. This six week bible study will include topics such as sex and marriage, abortion, and evolution.

"THE STORY" BIBLE CLASS: Our next bible class will be Saturday, April 8th. As we continue to look at God's story in the Bible, our lesson focuses on the theme: "Rebuilding the Walls".

LWMS DOOR COLLECTION: On April 2 & 3, we are having our semi-annual door collection to support the ministry of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS). For more information on the work of LWMS, visit their website: <http://www.lwms.org>. They thank you for your support.

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 6th & 20th and May 4th & 18th.

ALL INVITED TO ROLLER SKATE!: St. Paul's congregation is invited by the Milwaukee District of Lutheran Girl Pioneers to its annual roller skating party at Incredi-Roll, 10928 W. Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee, on Tuesday, March 28 from 6-8p.m. This is a private event for Girl Pioneers, their families, friends and congregations. Everyone is invited! The cost is \$5.50 per person which includes skate rental. Please round up your friends and join us for a fun evening of roller skating!

WLHS SACRED CHORAL CONCERT: The WLHS Spring Sacred Choral Concert, *King of Glory*, will be held Sunday, April 9, 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.

LITTLE VIKINGS VOLLEYBALL CLINIC: Calling all 2nd-6th grade beginner volleyball players! A volleyball clinic will be held on two Saturdays, April 22 and 29, for 2nd-3rd grade girls from 8:00-10:00 a.m. and 4th-6th grade girls from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. Register by Saturday, April 15, at www.jvvc.org/little-vikings. Cost is \$30 for both days. For questions, contact Alyana Olson at jvvdirector@gmail.com.

SEMINARY SCURRY 2017: Saturday, April 29th - 5K Family Run-Walk & 1/2 mile Kids Dash, Check-in @ 9am -Races Start @10am. All participants must register - Free for Grades K-12 -\$20 for Adults. T-Shirt & Lunch is included for all participants - All are invited to a free lunch, bounce house and face painting after the race. Register

at www.wls.wels.net/seminary-scurry-2017/ Event information on seminary website -
 contact Paul Spaude - paul.spaude@wls.wels.net.
 Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary - 11831 Seminary Drive, Mequon

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS THIS WEEK (March 26 & 27)

8:00 AM – David & Marlene Horn
 10:30 AM – Marilyn Krueger
 6:30 PM – Donna LaBlanc

GREETERS FOR MID-WEEK LENT SERVICE (March 29)

3:30 PM – 7th & 8th Grade Students
 6:30 PM – John & Barb Migacz

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (April 2 & 3)

8:00 AM – Steve & Theresa Mess
 10:30 AM – Roberto & Kendra Matus; Mara & Caleb
 6:30 PM – Dave & Janet Long

USHERS FOR MIDWEEK LENT SERVICE (March 29)

3:30 PM – 7th & 8th Grade Students
 6:30 PM – TEAM #4 – Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert and Gordy Lesser

USHERS FOR MARCH

8:00 AM – TEAM #3 – Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Brad Johnson, Frank Krajewski
 10:30 AM – TEAM #7 – Dave Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Brandon Wirtz, Austin Wirtz, Ian Wirtz, Randy Raduenz, Ian Eppen
 6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Dave Long

USHERS FOR APRIL

8:00 AM – TEAM #4 – Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser
 10:30 AM – TEAM #8 – Nolan Romeis, Kyle Brightsman, Pete Eppen
 6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Dave Long

ALTAR GUILD

March 22-28 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Irva Baade
 March 29-Apr 4 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

March 26: Set-up – Tony Tripoli & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Pete Kosovich
 April 2: Set-up – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen, Clean-up – Jerry Lehtinen

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 26

Worship Service8:00 AM
 Adult Bible Study/Sunday School.....9:15 AM
 Worship Service10:30 AM

Monday, March 27

Worship Service6:30 PM

Tuesday, March 28

Public School Confirmation Class.....6:00 PM

Wednesday, March 29

Midweek Lenten Service3:30 PM
 Midweek Lenten Service6:30 PM
 Adult Choir Rehearsal7:30 PM
 Men's Open Gym7:30 PM

Thursday, March 30

Nomination Committee5:30 PM

Friday, March 31

School Devotion8:30 AM

Sunday, April 2

Worship Service with Communion8:00 AM
 Adult Bible Study/Sunday School.....9:15 AM
 Worship Service with Communion10:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 115, Communed – 103

10:30 AM – 178, Communed – 111

6:30 PM – 43, Communed – 38

Total Attendance – 336

Total Communed – 252

Midweek Lent 3:30 PM – 99, 6:30 PM – 59

Sunday Bible Class – 32, Sunday School – 13