



LORD of LOVE
Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent



*Jesus' Saving Glory is Hidden Beneath a
Veil of Suffering and Humiliation*

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March 21, 2021

THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN (CW 387)

Drawn to the Cross



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

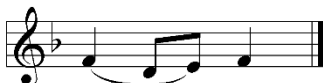


life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
cross and pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

Text: Genevieve M. Irons, 1855–1928, alt.
Tune: JUST AS I AM (888 6) Joseph Barnby, 1838–96.

STAND

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



C: A - men.



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: 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



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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: A - men.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

GLORY BE TO GOD

During Advent and Lent the Gloria in Excelsis is omitted.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

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: A - men.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ *Yes, the days are coming, declares the LORD,
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel
and with the house of Judah.*

³² *It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers,
when I took them by the hand
and led them out of the land of Egypt.
They broke that covenant of mine,
although I was a husband to them, declares the LORD.*

³³ *But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel
after those days,
declares the LORD.
I will put my law in their minds,
and I will write it on their hearts.
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.*

³⁴ *No longer will each one teach his neighbor,
or each one teach his brother, saying, "Know the LORD,"
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD,
for I will forgive their guilt,
and I will remember their sins no more.*

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 5:7-9

⁷ *In the days of his flesh, he offered prayers and pleas with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸ Although he was the Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. ⁹ After he was brought to his goal, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him.*

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45 cf. NIV)

STAND

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.**

BE SEATED

HYMN (CW 170)

Draw Us to Thee



1 Draw us to thee, For then shall we Walk in
 2 Draw us to thee, Lord, lov - ing - ly; Let us
 3 Draw us to thee; Oh, grant that we May walk
 4 Draw us to thee That al - so we Thy heav'n -
 5 Draw us to thee Un - ceas - ing - ly; In - to

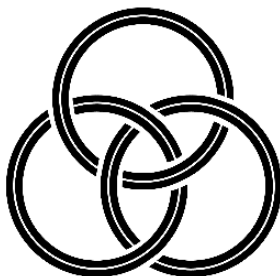


thy steps for - ev - er And has - ten on Where
 de - part with glad - ness That we may be For -
 the road to heav - en! Di - rect our way Lest
 ly bliss in - her - it And ev - er dwell Where
 thy king - dom take us. Let us for - 'er Thy



thou art gone To be with thee, dear Sav - ior.
 ev - er free From sor - row, grief, and sad - ness.
 we should stray And from thy paths be driv - en.
 sin and hell No more can vex our spir - it.
 glo - ry share; Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

Text: Friedrich Funcke, 1642–99; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
 Tune: ACH GOTT UND HERR (447 447) As *hymnodus sacer*, Leipzig, 1625, alt.



²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we want to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went to tell Andrew. Andrew came with Philip and told Jesus.

²³ Jesus answered them, “The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it continues to be one kernel. But if it dies, it produces much grain. ²⁵ Anyone who loves his life destroys it. And the one who hates his life in this world will hold on to it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, let him follow me. And where I am, there my servant will be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, this is the reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!”

A voice came from heaven: “I have glorified my name, and I will glorify it again.”

²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said it thundered. Others said an angel talked to him. ³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice was not for my sake but for yours.

³¹ “Now is the judgment of this world. Now the ruler of this world will be thrown out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to indicate what kind of death he was going to die.

Drawn to the Cross

STAND

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Heavenly Father, in these Lenten days we ask you to pour out your Holy Spirit upon us to write your Word on our hearts, that we might know you as the God who forgives our iniquities and remembers our sins no more. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Heavenly Father, your Son came not to be served but to serve. Help us not lord our authority over one another, but humbly serve one another in our homes, communities and congregation as Christ has so humbly served us. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Heavenly Father, you watch over, protect and defend us through the service of others. Bless, we pray, the men and women who serve in our military, police forces and all emergency services who are often called on to lay down their lives. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Heavenly Father, as your only begotten Son learned obedience though what he suffered, we pray that you would bless, sustain and relieve _____ and all who suffer in our midst, that walking the way of the cross with your Son, they may know the fullness of his eternal salvation. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Heavenly Father, through the life, death and resurrection of your Son, you have delivered our souls from death, our eyes from tears and our feet from stumbling. Comfort all who mourn with this truth, that they may not grieve as others do who have no such hope. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Heavenly Father, you have baptized us with Christ's Baptism to be our God, that we might be your people. Grant us faithfully to drink from his cup in the blessed Sacrament, that he might sustain our life in him with his flesh and blood. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

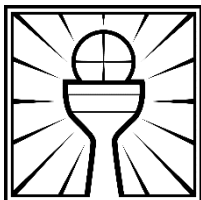
M: All these things and whatever else you know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

*The recorded service for members at home concludes here.
We continue with the sacrament with those gathered in the sanctuary.*



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

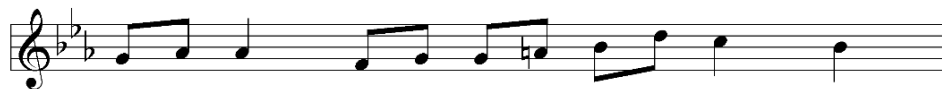
Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 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 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."

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

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

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.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to one of our pastors. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with a pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 754)

The Tree of Life



1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry
 2 The still - ness of that sa - cred
 3 What mer - cy God showed to our
 4 Now from that tree of Je - sus'



good In E - den's ho - ly or - chard
 grove Was bro - ken as the ser - pent
 race, A plan of res - cue by his
 shame Flows life e - ter - nal in his



stood, And of its fruit so pure and
 strove With tempt - ing voice Eve to be -
 grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's
 name; For all who trust and will be -



sweet God let the man and wom - an
 guile And Ad - am to by sin de -
 seed, The One to fill our great - est
 lieve, Sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re -



eat. Yet in this gar - den al - so
 file. Oh, day of sad - ness when the
 need— For on a tree up - lift - ed
 ceive. And of this fruit so pure and



grew An - oth - er tree, of which they
 breath Of fear and dark - ness, doubt and
 high His on - ly Son for sin would
 sweet The Lord in - vites the world to

knew; Its love - ly limbs with fruit a -
 death, Its aw - ful poi - son first dis -
 die, Would drink the cup of scorn and
 eat, To find with - in this cross of

dorned A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.
 played With - in the world so new - ly made.
 dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!
 wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

God's first promise to send a Savior, offered in the shadow of Eden, finds its fulfillment on the tree of Calvary, Jesus' cross.

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THANKSGIVING

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
 to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
 pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
 Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: 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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN (CW 329)

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; Fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For the gos - pel's
 3 So when - e'er the sig - nal's giv - en Us from earth to



joy and peace. Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; May the fruits of your sal - va - tion
 call a - way, Borne on an - gels' wings to heav - en,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. Oh, re - fresh us,
 In our hearts and lives a - bound! Ev - er faith - ful,
 Glad the sum - mons to o - bey, May we ev - er,



oh, re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful To your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er Reign with Christ in end - less day.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
 Tune: NEW ULM (87 87 87) Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863–1924.

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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”**

Psalm 122:1





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Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Sunday March 21: 5th Sunday in Lent

The Family Altar Devotion, 8:00 am

Private Communion 8:00 – 8:30 am (*Please sign up prior.*)

Worship Services at 9:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion

At-Home Sunday School #6: Palm Sunday (*New spring materials located in back.*)

- Preaching Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jenni Berg
- Councilman/Elder: Dave Olson (9:00) and Greg Zeman (10:30)
- Ushers: Gene Freund (9:00 am) & Chad Heath (10:30 am)
- Altar Guild: Mandi Miller
- Presiding Pastor: Michael Willitz
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson

Wednesday March 24: Lent Worship - Services at 12:30 and 6:30 pm

- Pastor: Michael Willitz
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner (6:30)
- Usher: Lynn Biver (6:30)
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson

Sunday March 28: Palm Sunday

The Family Altar Devotion, 8:00 am

Private Communion 8:00 – 8:30 am (*Please sign up prior.*)

Worship Services at 9:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion

At-Home Sunday School #10: Jesus Dies on the Cross

- Preaching Pastor: Michael Willitz
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilmen: Mike Wilson (9:00) and Mitch Myhre (10:30)
- Ushers: Sef Fox (9:00 am) & Mark Heath (10:30 am)
- Altar Guild: Mandi Miller
- Presiding Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: Joe Hornbeck

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Ava Ehlenbach (3/21), Kassie Bartosch (3/23), Connor Derr (3/23), Ron Fredrick (3/23), Matt Gotzion (3/23), Anka Kopplin (3/23), Fidel Mendez (3/23), Kenzie Johnson (3/25), Len Smith (3/25), Cameron Vinson (3/25), Greg Zeman (3/25), Ashley Natysin (3/27) and Beth Zauner (3/27) as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Audrey & Loren Wirsbinski (3/24) who celebrate the anniversary on Wednesday.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Wyatt Kingsland, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Jack Richardson, Marge Ripp and Peg Schroeder who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all of our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett, Sara Goss and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

Wednesday Lent Worship - March 24

12:30 and 6:30 pm

Maundy Thursday Worship - April 1

6:30 pm

Good Friday Worship - April 2

1:00 pm and 6:30 pm

Easter Family Walk – April 3

10:00 – 12:00 noon



Easter - April 4

Private Communion 8:00 – 8:30 am *(Please sign up)*

Worship 9:00 and 10:30 am

No one will be turned away.

(The 9:00 service will be live-streamed and can be watched downstairs as overflow.)



Saturday April 3

Stop by anytime between 10:00 – 12:00 noon.

Our congregation and community is invited.

- **We need to borrow 10 – 12 pop up tents (size 10 x 10 to 12 x 12) for the morning.** Let the church office know if you can loan us one.
- **We also need volunteers to monitor the stations in a non-contact way.**
- **We are in need of candy donations to fill the eggs. Candy can be placed in the collection bin in the fellowship area.**

No need to sign up, just come join us!

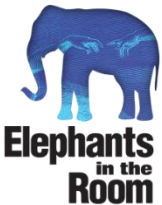
Invite your neighbor.

This week . . .

At-Home Sunday School – March 21

Lesson #6: Palm Sunday. Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:28-40; John 12:12-19.

Student lessons and instructional videos are available for all children 4 years through 6th grade. Lesson materials are located at the back of church. Each Friday, video lessons become available for the following week at <https://online.nph.net/ss-at-home>. **The new materials for the spring quarter are located in the fellowship area.**



Tuesday Bible Study at 9:00 am. Topic: Elephants in the Room

Theistic evolution verses the message of scripture. The group meets downstairs and social distancing guidelines are followed. The group is casual and discussion is encouraged. Coffee is served.

Friday Breakfast/Bible Study at 6:00 am. Topic: Acts

The group meets each Friday morning at the DeForest Family Restaurant. (505 W. North Street, DeForest) Breakfast is at 6:00 am with the study starting at approx. 6:50 am.

