

A Lent Series

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Hiding Treasure in the Trash

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | Jordan, Minnesota

April 6th, 2025

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service, we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God’s holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

TODAY’S THEME

This week we see how our Father makes the treasures of his house available to any and all. He places them in the last place we’d expect – the trash. In God’s family, the things the world prizes and pursues are counted as worthless. Conversely, what the world rejects and discards is considered priceless and worth pursuing. The best example of this is Jesus Christ himself. The Father sent his greatest treasure – God the Son – to earth. And many considered Jesus to be a trash that needed to be taken out... a troublemaker that needed to be killed. In truth, Christ is the precious cornerstone that God used to build his house, the one with the open door.

CLOSE COMMUNION

Following the guidance of Scripture, we invite those who are members of this congregation or one of our sister WELS congregations to join us as we celebrate the Lord’s Supper this morning. Those who are members of other church bodies are asked to speak with the pastor before attending the Lord’s Supper. With this practice, it is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God’s Word. Thank you for respecting our practice regarding the Lord’s Supper.

Pastor.....Jeremy Glowicki
Organist.....Noah Helke

407 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

CW 407

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

When God's children rebel and wander from his ways, he desires that they return to him for pardon and peace through his Son. The courts of heaven resound with joy when a single wayward child returns home.

There is rejoicing in the presence of angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Children of God, the time to turn to our Father for forgiveness is now. God made Christ our sin that we might become his righteousness. He implores us to be reconciled to him, promising:

In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.

916 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

CW 916 st. 3

3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us, his Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
his bless - ed an - gels gath - er a - round the heav'n - ly gates.
No ques - tion will be asked us how of - ten we have come;
al - though we oft have wan - dered, it is our Fa - ther's home.

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Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

Amen.

916 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

CW 916 st. 2

2 To - day your gate is o - pen, and all who en - ter in
shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come and par - don for their sin.
The past shall be for - got - ten, a pres - ent joy be giv'n,
a fu - ture grace be prom - ised, a glo - rious crown in heav'n.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Today Your Mercy Calls Us'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff begins with a '2' indicating a second ending. The score ends with a double bar line.

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Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For minds set on heavenly things, for hearts that long for heavenly glory, and for the will to bear our earthly crosses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the gifts of humility and repentance, for faith that finds security in Christ and does not use God's patience as an excuse for sin, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For perspective to see that, apart from Christ, gain is loss, and in Christ, loss is gain, and for the perseverance to press on and take hold of our heavenly prize, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

916 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

CW 916 st. 4

4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,
what should we do with - out you when heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem a - gainst us, to drive us to de - spair,
we know one gate is o - pen, one ear will hear our prayer.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "what should we do with - out you when heart and eye run o'er?". The third staff has lyrics: "When all things seem a - gainst us, to drive us to de - spair,". The fourth staff concludes the piece with lyrics: "we know one gate is o - pen, one ear will hear our prayer." and ends with a double bar line.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 43:16–21

Isaiah prophesied that the nation of Babylon would trash Judah and carry them into captivity. Isaiah also prophesied that this would produce the treasure of spiritual renewal.

This is what the LORD says, who makes a road through the sea and a path through mighty waters, who brings out the chariot and the horses, the army and the strong warrior. They will all lie down together. They will not get up. They are extinguished. Like a wick they go out. Do not remember the former things. Do not keep thinking about ancient things. Watch, I am about to do a new thing. Now it will spring up. Don't you know about it? Indeed I will make a road in the wilderness. In the wasteland I will make rivers. The wild animals, the jackals and ostriches, will honor me, because I am providing water in the wilderness, rivers in a parched wasteland, water for my chosen people to drink. This people that I formed for myself will declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b–14

St. Paul views as trash what most consider to be treasure and treasures what most consider to be trash.

If anyone else thinks that he has grounds for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶in regard to zeal, persecuting the church; in regard to the righteousness that is in the law, blameless.

⁷But, whatever things were a profit for me, these things I have come to consider a loss because of Christ. ⁸But even more than that, I consider everything to be a loss because of what is worth far more: knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord. For his sake, I have lost all things and consider them rubbish, so that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, which comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness that comes from God by faith. ¹⁰I do this so that I may know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, ¹¹in the hope that in some way I may arrive at the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus also took hold of me. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it yet, but there is one thing I do: Forgetting the things that are behind and straining toward the things that are ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal, for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:22



Refrain



Glo - ry and praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.



Glo - ry and praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

Tone



The stone the builders re - ject - ed has become the cor - ner - stone.

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Gospel

Luke 20:9–19

God the Father sent his Son into the world knowing the world would consider Jesus trash, even though Jesus is the precious cornerstone upon which God builds his house.

He began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, leased it to some tenant farmers, and went away on a journey for a long time. When it was the right time, he sent a servant to the tenants to collect his share of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenant farmers beat the servant and sent him away empty-handed. The man went ahead and sent yet another servant, but they also beat him, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. He then sent yet a third. They also wounded him and threw him out. The owner of the vineyard said, ‘What should I do? I will send my son, whom I love. Perhaps they will respect him.’ “But when the tenant farmers saw him, they talked it over with one another. They said, ‘This is the heir. Let’s kill him, so that the inheritance will be ours.’ They threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. So what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those tenant farmers and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “May it never be!” But he looked at them and said, “Then what about 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 it will crush the one on whom it falls.” That very hour the chief priests and the experts in the law began looking for a way to lay hands on him, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

571 O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

CW 571

Sermon

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 truly 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

Prayer of the Church

Offering

During the offering, please fill out the Friendship Register in the pew and pass it down to those sitting next to you.

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

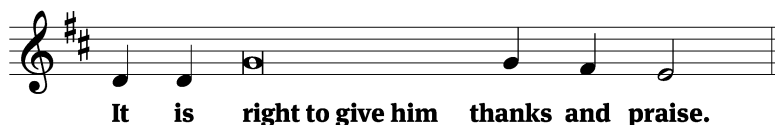
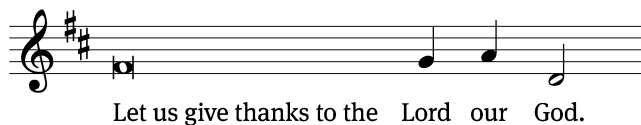
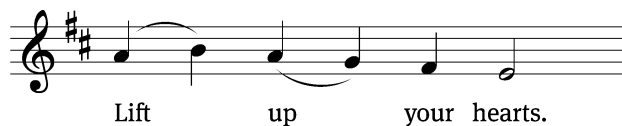
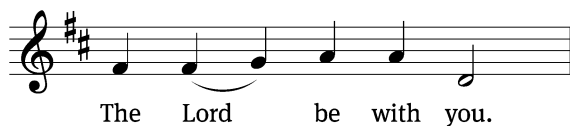
Handbells

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

CW 199



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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

CW 200

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The first staff is an instrumental introduction. The second staff begins with the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,'. The third staff continues with 'heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.' The fourth staff has the lyrics 'Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.' The fifth staff has 'Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' The sixth staff has 'Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.' The seventh staff concludes with 'Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.' The score uses a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Words of Institution

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lamb of God

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

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Be seated

Distribution

573 Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

CW 573

Stand

Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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.

Amen.

Blessing

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.

Amen.

861 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

CW 861 sts. 1, 3



Holy Thursday – April 17 – 7 pm (Stripping of the Altar)
Good Friday – April 18 – 7 pm



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Easter VIGIL

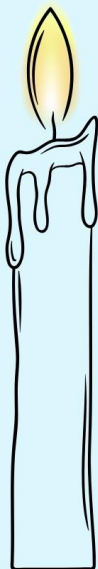


Saturday, April 19, 2025

7:30 pm - Pre-service presentation

8:00 pm - Vigil service begins

St Croix Lutheran Academy Chapel



The WELS Minnesota District Worship Committee invites you to an Easter Vigil service on Saturday, April 19, from 8:00pm to 9:30pm in the beautiful chapel of St. Croix Lutheran Academy in West St. Paul, MN.

The historic service features scripture readings of deliverance, ancient and modern hymns and anthems by skilled choral and instrumental musicians, and a celebration of Holy Communion. A 20-minute pre-service presentation at 7:30 will highlight history, symbolism, and defining characteristics of the Easter Vigil. Make this a part of your Holy Week observance!

News & Notes

Radio Broadcast

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Dianne Jabs in memory of Lawrence and Christine Jabs, and Allen and Phyllis Erickson in memory of Ken and Fern Crane. Thank you!

Easter Doorhangers

We can use more people to hang doorhangers today for Easter. Meet in the Gathering Area at Church at 1 pm and we will assign areas to work.

Easter Silent Auction

The silent auction is underway. Check the selection of items in the Fellowship Hall and bid using your envelope #. The proceeds will be used to fund the many mission and outreach projects of Woven. If you have any questions, please see a member of Woven.

Easter Breakfast Setup

Roots members (7th-12th grade) and parents, there is setup for Easter Breakfast on Saturday, April 19th at 9:30 am until we are finished. The more people we have the faster it goes. Please plan on helping.

Theology On Tap

There is no Theology on Tap in April because the third Thursday falls on Holy Thursday.

Celebrate Jordan

There is a signup sheet on the table for anyone who is interested in signing up to work the Celebrate Jordan booth on April 13th. There will be 1 hour time slots from 1-4 pm.

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council meets on Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

APRIL 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Soup Supper 5 pm Foundations 5:30 pm Lent Service 6:30 pm	3 Senior Coffee Fellowship 10 am	4	5 9 am Doorhangers
6 Worship 9 am Communion Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am 1 pm Doorhangers	7	8 Council Meeting 6:30 pm	9 Lent Service 6:30 pm Soup Supper 5 pm Foundations 5:30 pm	10	11	12
13 Worship 9 am Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am Fellowship Sunday 1 pm Celebrate Jordan	14	15 Oak Terrace 9:45 am	16	17 Holy Thursday Worship 7 pm	18 Good Friday Worship 7 pm	19
20 Easter Sunrise 6:30 am Easter Break- fast 7:30 am 9 am Easter Festival	21	22	23 Foundations 6 pm	24	25	26
27 Worship 9 am Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am WELS Connec- tion Examination	28	29	30			

SERVING THE LORD

		Acolytes	Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
4/6	9 Am	Leah Bertrang	2	Ryan Bertrang	Noah Helke
4/9	9 AM	(Need Volunteer)	3	(Need Volunteer)	Noah Helke
4/13	9 AM	Greta Newton	4	(Need Volunteer)	-

April Altar Guild	April Cleaners
Dianne Jabs/Lynn Sorenson	Carlstroms
April Counters	Spring Service Group Leader
Debbie Glowicki/Heather Nelson	Craig and Melanie Sparby
May Altar Guild	Children's Church Volunteer
Donna Breeggemann/Janet Robling	4/6 - Angela Kalal

Attendance

Sunday	82
Wednesday	49
Total	131

Gifts To Our Lord

	Received	Needed
Current	\$1586	\$3834
Online Giving	\$1616	
Total	\$3202	\$3834



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