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Our mission is to
Glorify God
as we
Gather
around the Gospel
to help people
Grow
in the **Gospel**
and
Go
with the **Gospel**

Welcome! We thank
God that you have
joined us at worship
today.

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located in the
basement. Hearing
loop headphones and
Large Print Hymnals
are available from an
usher.

If your children need
to leave worship,
please take them to
the basement. A TV
broadcasts the service
in the basement.

Today we gather
together in the
presence of God. He is
present among us in a
special way through
his Word and
Sacrament. We
acknowledge our sin
and rejoice in the good
news of forgiveness
through the life and
death of Christ. This is
the focus of our
worship.

April 6, 2025
5th Sunday in Lent
Good Confession



Hiding Treasure in the Trash

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.

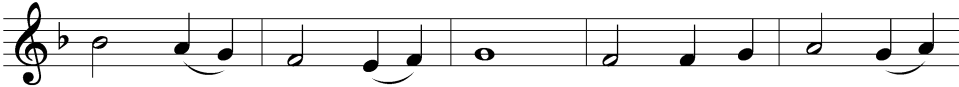
The best example of this is Jesus Christ himself. The Father sent his greatest treasure—God the Son—to earth. And many considered Jesus to be a trash that needed to be taken out. . . a troublemaker that needed to be killed. In truth, Christ is the precious cornerstone that God used to build his house, the one with the open door.

Opening Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross CW 407



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God. All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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Stand

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed our own selfish ways and the desires of our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

**We have done those things that we should not have done,
 and we have not done those things that we should have done.
 Have mercy on us, Lord!
 Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
 according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

M: 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.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

Hymn

Your Blood and Righteousness CW 573:1-2,4,6



1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness my beau - ty
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day; who can a
 4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more than sands up -
 6 Je - sus, be wor - shiped end - less - ly! Your bound - less



are, my glo - rious dress; mid flam - ing worlds, in
 word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly ab - solved through
 on the o - cean shore, you have for all a
 mer - cy has for me, for me and all your



these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.
 these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 ran - som paid, for all a full a - tone - ment made.
 hands have made, an ev - er - last - ing ran - som paid.

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Be Seated

Prayer of the Day

M: 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.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

First Lesson

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.

¹⁶This is what the LORD says—

he who made a way through the sea,
a path through the mighty waters,

¹⁷who drew out the chariots and horses,
the army and reinforcements together,
and they lay there, never to rise again,
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:

¹⁸“Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.

¹⁹See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.

²⁰The wild animals honor me,
the jackals and the owls,
because I provide water in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland,

to give drink to my people, my chosen,

²¹the people I formed for myself
that they may proclaim my praise. (NIV)

Psalm of the Day

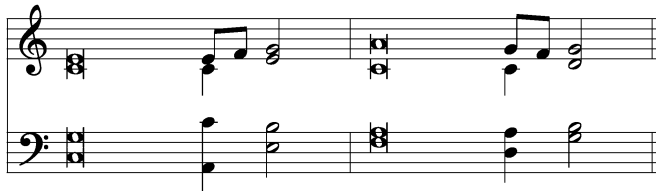
Surely It Is God Who Saves Me Psalm 73b

Refrain



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me, I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid, for the LORD is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Tone



I am always / with you;

you hold me by my / right hand.

You guide me with your / counsel,

and afterward you will take me into / glory.

Whom have I in / heav'n but you?

And earth has nothing I desire be- / sides you.

My flesh and my / heart may fail,

but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for- / ever.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

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Second Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-14

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

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put 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; ⁶as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (NIV)

Verse of the Day

M: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. (Psalm 118:22 NIV)

Choir (10:30am)

“I will never leave you nor forsake you;
I’ll be there in trouble, fear, or pain.
In my arms I’ll hold you and protect you,
Heal your wounds and make you whole again.”

*(Refrain) God’s promise is forever sure,
With comfort and hope he now surrounds us.
His Word eternally endures,
His goodness and mercy are boundless.*

“Cast your cares on me, I will deliver you;
I will bear you up on eagles’ wings.
Trust in me for power to sustain you;
Live within the peace my promise brings.”
Refrain

God’s Promise Is Forever Sure

“Come and taste the bread and wine here offered;
Take and eat the body of your Lord.
Here receive my blood to claim your pardon,
Share this feast of love, for you outpoured.”
Refrain

“Come to me, you weary, heavy burdened;
All your sins I cover and forgive.
On the cross I suffered to redeem you,
Rose that you eternally might live.”
Refrain (2X)

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Stand

Gospel Lesson

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.

⁹He went on to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. ¹⁰At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. ¹²He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

¹³“Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.’

¹⁴“But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. ‘This is the heir,’ they said. ‘Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ ¹⁵So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

“What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.”

When the people heard this, they said, “God forbid!”

¹⁷Jesus looked directly at them and asked, “Then what is the meaning of that which is written:

“ ‘The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone’?”

¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

¹⁹The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated



Hymn of the Day

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It CW 679:1, 5



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized
5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing to this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it, gave my
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing: e - ven



full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures man - y?
there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a - waits its rais - ing,



I have one worth more than an - y that brought me sal -
still my soul con - tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free, last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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Sermon

(8:00 am)

Philippians 3:4b-14

Good Confession

(10:30 am)

Stand

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.**

Be Seated

Offering

Stand

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

Guests please don't feel a necessity to give an offering today. *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"* (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Prayer of the Church

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.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Benediction

M: 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.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

**THE LORD
HAS DONE
GREAT THINGS
FOR US**

Closing Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head CW 861: 1-2, 4



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, you are her one foun-
2 O Lord, let this your lit - tle flock, your name a - lone con -
4 And for your gos - pel let us dare to sac - ri - fice all



da - tion; in you she trusts, be - fore you bows, and waits for
fess - ing, con - tin - ue in your lov - ing care, true u - ni-
tre - sure; teach us to bear your bless - ed cross, to find in



your sal - va - tion. Built on this rock se - cure, your Church
ty pos - sess - ing. Your sac - ra - ments, O Lord, and your
you all plea - sure. O grant us stead - fast - ness in joy



shall en - dure though all the world de - cay and all things
sav - ing Word to us e'er pure re - tain; grant that they
and dis - tress. Lord, for your mer - cy's sake, let us by



pass a - way. O hear, O hear us, Je - sus!
may re - main our on - ly strength and com - fort.
grace par - take of end - less joy and glo - ry.

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