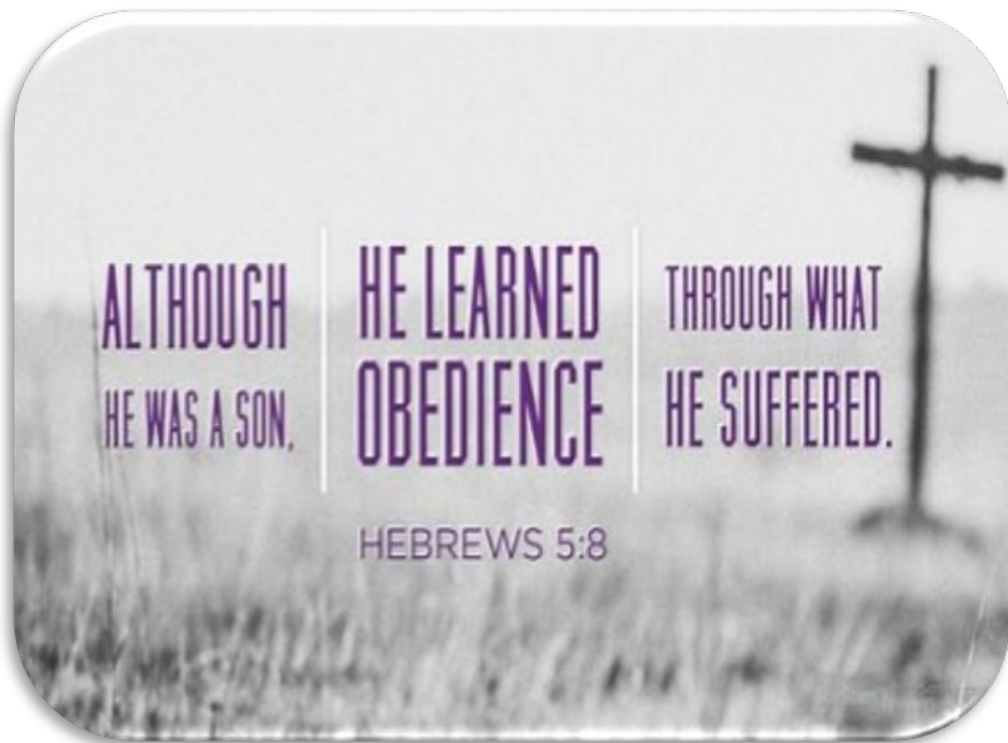


# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## March 21, 2021



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**WORSHIP NOTES:** During Lent, our focus on the suffering and death of Jesus leads us to see clearly what a tremendous sacrifice he has made for us. How beautiful is our journey to the cross and tomb. We have seen our Savior's battle waged against temptation. We have found confidence in his resolution to carry out the Father's plan of salvation. We have turned to the Lord at his invitation to draw near with repentant hearts. And we have rejoiced in his loving and forgiving embrace. In these final hours before Holy Week, we see his "intercessory" role as our Great High Priest reach it's fulfillment. Our message today comes from Hebrews, which explains why he had to suffer in our place and become the sacrifice himself that had been anticipated.

*The Lord's Supper, which we celebrate today, is an evidence and an expression of the unity of faith shared by those who commune together. For that reason we ask that only persons who are members of congregations in fellowship with the WELS participate in the sacrament with us. Other guests are encouraged to speak to our pastor for information about participating in the Lord's Supper at our altar.*

Guests: Welcome to all who are visiting with us today!



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### **OPENING HYMN**

"Today Your Mercy Calls Us" (p.7)

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- P: We gather in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, who invite us with the words, "Come now, let us reason together. . ."
- C: **"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."** (Isaiah 1:18)
- P: "If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C: **"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."** (1 John 1:7-9)

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord our God.
- P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
- C: **According to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.**
- P: Wash away all my iniquity,
- C: **And cleanse me from my sin.**
- P: For I know my transgressions,
- C: **And my sin is always before me.**
- P: Surely I was sinful at birth,
- C: **Sinful from the time my mother conceived me.** (Psalm 51)

**P:** The Lord has cleansed us, and we are clean. He has washed us, and we are whiter than snow. On account of Jesus' sacrifice, God has hidden his face from all of our sins, and blotted out all of our iniquities. May God now grant us pure hearts which desire to carry out his will in our lives.

**C: Amen.**

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

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Chief of Sinners though I be" (p.8) CW, #385:1-2

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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. **AMEN.**

### **FIRST LESSON**      **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

*The Lord gave his people everything, but they rebelled and threw it all away. So he promised a "new covenant" for his people. This is the one-sided agreement by which he forgives their wickedness and remembers their sins no more.*

"The time is coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man 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 wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

### **PSALM OF THE DAY**      Psalm 115      (In Unison, page 9)

*To your name belongs the glory, O Lord, because of your love and faithfulness.*

### **SECOND LESSON**      **Hebrews 5:7-9**

*Throughout his lifetime and especially in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus pleaded with his heavenly Father "with loud cries and tears" -- so terrible would his suffering be. Yet he obeyed his Father's will and proved to be the Source of our eternal salvation from sin and death.*

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

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

**GOSPEL**      **John 12:20-33**

*Jesus' path to glory did not take him to fame and fortune. It led to the cross and to his death. By rising from the dead Jesus now draws all people to himself and gives them the gift of eternal life.*

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” (p. 10) CW, # 382

## SERMON Hebrews 5:7-9

Jesus is exactly the High Priest we need.

Part1: Because he obediently suffered

## Part 2: Because he stayed faithful to the end

## 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.

### **OFFERING**

*Online or in the entry to the gym. Guests please do not feel any obligation to participate in the offering (though you are always welcome to do so). Find and fill out a Guest Card as you leave, and drop it in with the offerings so we can connect with you – thanks!*

### **PRAYERS AND 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.

### **PREPARATION & RECEPTION OF LORD'S SUPPER**

**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD** (sung)

*O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

“Alas and did my Savior Bleed”

(p. 11)

CW, #129

**SERVICE CONTINUES**

**SONG OF SIMEON**

(sung)

**Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word.**

**For my eyes have seen your salvation,**

**which you have prepared before the face of all people,**

**a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.**

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

**C: And his mercy endures forever.** (sung)

**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. Amen. Amen.** (sung)

**CLOSING HYMN**

“Chief of Sinners though I be”

(p. 8)

CW, #385:3-4



**SILENT PRAYER**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## Today Your Mercy Calls Us

1 To - day your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
 2 To - day your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits.  
 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,

How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
 Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
 His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
 What should we do with - out you When heart and eye run o'er?

How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
 The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
 No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
 When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,

Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
 A fu - ture grace be prom - ised: A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
 Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
 We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

Text: Oswald Allen, 1816-78, alt.  
 Tune: Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812-after 1857

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Alternate setting: 336

## Chief of Sinners Though I Be

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1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his  
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the  
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Com - fort to a  
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in  
 5 Strength - en me, O gra - cious Lord, By your Spir - it

blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
 heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
 wound - ed heart: Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
 all to me. All my wants to him are known;  
 and your word. When my way - ward heart would stray,

Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, Love that found me —  
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to  
 All my sor - rows are his own. Safe with him in  
 Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of

to the vine, I am his and he is mine!  
 won - drous thought! — Found me when I sought him not.  
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.  
 earth - ly strife, I a - wait the heav'n - ly life.  
 need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793 - c. 1870, alt.  
 Tune: Richard Redhead, 1820 - 1901

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Alternate setting: 104



# Psalm 115

## *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.

## *Refrain*

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.

**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*

## 382

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus' blood and  
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me in the  
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I then in

right - eous - ness; I dare to make no oth - er claim But  
 chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale My  
 rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly prop gives way, He  
 him be found, Clothed in his right - eous - ness a - lone, Fault -

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id  
 then is all my hope and stay.  
 less to stand be - fore his throne.

rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.  
 Tune: John Stainer, 1840-1901

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## 129

## Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

1 A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, And  
 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He  
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And  
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While

did my Sov - 'reign die? Would he de - vote that  
 groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,  
 shut its glo - ries in When God, the might - y  
 his dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in

sa - cred head For sin - ners such as I?  
 grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!  
 Mak - er, died For his own crea - tures' sin.  
 thank - ful - ness, And melt my eyes to tears.

- 5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
 The debt of love I owe;  
 Here, Lord, I give myself away —  
 'Tis all that I can do.

## THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (3/21)	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service w/Communion</b>
	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Study
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service w/Communion</b>
	11:45 AM	Confirmation Parent Meeting
Wednesday	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Children's Chapel</b>
	4:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
Thursday	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Lenten Service</b>
Sunday (3/28)	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Palm Sunday Worship Service</b>
	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Study
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Palm Sunday Worship Service</b>

### **NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	Numbers 16:23-40
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 13:1-9
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 38

*LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday  
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Link on our website (see below).*

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## **THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE**

WE HAVE A GREAT  
HIGH PRIEST  
**SERVICE THEME**

### **PREACHER:**

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### **ORGANIST:**

Monica Dierker

### **VOCALIST:**

Lisa McLaughlin

### **HYMNS:**

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129, 385:3-4

### **THE FIRST LESSON:**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

### **THE SECOND LESSON:**

Hebrews 5:7-10

### **THE GOSPEL LESSON:**

John 12:20-33

### **THE SERMON:**

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