

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lent 5

March 18, 2018

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Great Stories of Salvation From the Old Testament New and Improved

Our Worship

OPENING

P: O Lord, teach us your ways,

C: That we may walk in your truth.

P: You comfort and help us day by day.

C: We trust your loving care.

P: You are the King of heaven and earth.

C: We give you praise and thanks. Alleluia!

PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, you invite us to pray and promise that where two or three come together in your name, there you are with us. Answer our prayers, and fulfill our desires according to your wisdom and love. Strengthen us in the knowledge of your truth, and grant us life everlasting.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN – *“Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs”*

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CONFESSION OF SINS

ALL: We thank you, Lord God the Father, that you have given us your one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, that you have born in your sacred body all our sins, and by your blood have blotted out all our transgressions.

We thank you, Lord the Holy Spirit, that you have created in our hearts true faith, and that we trust nothing else for our salvation, except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

P: O God, grant us your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven through the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so enlighten us by your Holy Spirit, that in the power of our Redeemer's death, we may put off sin and never forsake our Lord Jesus Christ, until we see him face to face in life eternal.

ALL: We ask it all in Christ's name. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE – *"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"*

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In a be - liev - er's ear!
Dear name! The rock on which I build, My shield and hid - ing place,
O Je - sus, Shep - herd, Guard - ian, Friend, My Proph - et, Priest, and King,

It soothes our sor - rows, heals our wounds, And drives a - way all fear.
My ne - ver - fail - ing trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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: Amen.

God's Word in Our Lives

Glory hidden in suffering

OLD TESTAMENT – *Genesis 9:8-17* – After the rain comes the rainbow

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you--the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you--every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth." So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."

VERSE OF THE DAY

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

GOSPEL – *John 12:20-33* – The glory of the cross

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.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

P: In a world that has difficulty believing in the one true God, but is so ready to believe that our universe happened by some unknown accident, what do you believe?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P: In a society that so quickly rejects what God did through his Son, what do you believe?

C: 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.

P: While many put their trust in things or people that they make into their gods, what do you believe that Jesus did that proves he has conquered death and is true God just as he said?

C: 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.

P: Those who refuse to trust the Lord are without hope. What do you believe that gives you hope?

C: 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.

SERMON: *Great Stories of Salvation from the Old Testament*

A New and Improved Contract

Based on Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Genesis 9:8-17 (on page 3)

³¹"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.

³²It 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.

³³"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.

³⁴No 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."



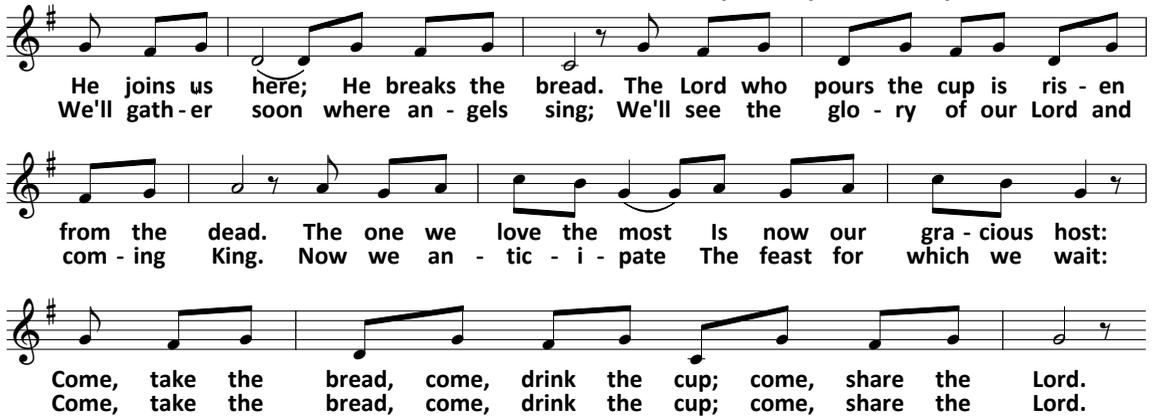
OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

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

WORDS FROM THE UPPER ROOM

COME SHARE THE LORD

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He joins us here; He breaks the bread. The Lord who pours the cup is ris - en
We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing; We'll see the glo - ry of our Lord and

from the dead. The one we love the most Is now our gra - cious host:
com - ing King. Now we an - tic - i - pate The feast for which we wait:

Come, take the bread, come, drink the cup; come, share the Lord.
Come, take the bread, come, drink the cup; come, share the Lord.

RECEPTION AND MEDITATION

THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth.

C: **We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.**

P: By his incarnation,

C: **He became one with us.**

P: By his perfect life,

C: **He fulfilled your holy will.**

P: By his innocent death,

C: **He overcame hell.**

P: By his rising from the grave,

C: **He opened heaven.**

ALL: Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting. Amen.

BLESSING

P: May the blessing of the eternal God be upon us: his light to guide us, his presence to shelter us, his peace to unite us.

C: **Amen.**

Weekly Calendar March 18

Today	8 & 10:30a Worship with Communion 9:15a Bible Class & Sunday School 12p Catechism Class 1p COR Women's Group 1:30p Teen Group
Monday	<i>Calendar & Newsletter Deadline</i>
Tuesday	10:30a Senior Bible Study
Wednesday	6p Dinner – Italian 7p Worship 7:30p Choir
Thursday	8a Breakfast Bible Study 10a Kindergarten Round-up
Saturday	9:30-11:30a Easter for Kids

Announcements

BOOK FAIR – Today is the last Sunday for the Book Fair which ends March 21. Please take advantage of this opportunity for Confirmation, Mother's or Father's Day gifts.

EASTER FOR KIDS – This Saturday, March 25, is our Easter for Kids Event. We are still looking for candy that is wrapped and can fit in a plastic egg. Invites are available on the table in the narthex, please take some to hand out.

Serving Our Savior

Ushers	8a Brian Shepherd / Marv Kruse / Chris Volz 10:30a Alex Miller / Justin Rampy / Taylor Rampy
Altar	Kathy Maurer / Jessica Busey / Jean Jordan
Outreach	Margaret Rutschow / Judy Seggelke
Greeters	8a Joyce Quintela / Phyllis Frase 10:30a Terry Miller / Amy Maurer
Counters	Wepfer / Friesenegger
Nursery	Anita Burton
Treats	Anunobi / James / Steiner / Cannalte
Cleaners	Volz / Kruse / Rampy

Our Purpose

Christ Our Redeemer was organized in 1965 so that with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, it might strengthen the faith of its members and reach out into the community and the world.

To carry out this purpose we believe and teach:

That the Bible is the Word of God and the only foundation for Christian faith and life;

That God revealed in the Bible as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, is the true and living God;

That all people have sinned against his holy will, fall short of his glory, and therefore deserve to be condemned eternally;

That Jesus Christ came into the world to deliver all people from the guilt and power of sin and that he lived and died as the perfect and only substitute;

That through faith created by the Holy Spirit, the benefits of Christ's works are received personally;

That on the last day Jesus will return to judge the living and the dead and will take all those who trust in him to eternal life.

We join in that confession with over 1200 congregations of the
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and with them carry on a world-wide ministry. www.wels.net

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