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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

March 30, 2025

OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS: LOOK ALIVE IN 2025!

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ~ Eph. 2: 4-5

We welcome you to Our Shepherd. It is a joy to have you with us today! We pray that you will be strengthened and uplifted through our worship.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude: Today Your Mercy Calls Us . . . B. Culli

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 915 – Today Your Mercy Calls Us

Invocation:

P: In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

Exhortation:

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: *who made heaven and earth.*

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: *and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

Confession of Sins:

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: *I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.*

Absolution:

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray

C: *Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Scripture Readings (Back of Bulletin)

Old Testament: Isaiah 12: 1-6

Anthem (8:00): When I Survey the Wondrous Cross . . . W.L. Page

*When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.*

*See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

Lenten Verse:

Return to the Lord your God
For He is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
And abounding in steadfast love.

Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3; 11-32

P: The Gospel of the Lord
C: *Thanks be to God*

Hymn of the Day: LSB 571 – God Loved the World So That He Gave

Video: I Have Overcome the World . . . Motion Worship

Message from the Word:

Sermon Series: Encouragement from God, Part 6 – The Peace of God

Sermon Text: Philippians 4: 4-9

Apostle's Creed: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Responsive Prayer:

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

C: *according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.*

P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

C: *and cleanse me from my sin!*

P: For I know my transgressions,

C: *and my sin is ever before me.*

P: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

C: *so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.*

P: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

C: *and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

P: Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,

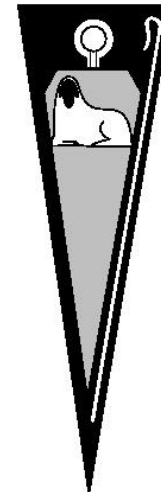
C: *and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.*

Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: LSB 420 – Christ, the Life of All the Living (verses 1 – 3, 6 & 7)

Benediction

Postlude: Christ the Life of All the Living . . . J. S. Bach



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWER CHART: The chart for 2025 is posted. The cost is \$20.00, and payment can be left in the church office. You can take the arrangement home after the 10:30 service on Sunday.

ALUMINUM CANS: We are collecting aluminum cans this weekend (April 5 & 6) in the north parking lot. No glass or plastic, please.

FIRST-TIME VISITORS: Welcome to our guests and visitors! Please take home an Our Shepherd gift bag located on the table in the narthex as a “thank you” for being here!

LENT: We will have Lenten services at 7:15 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER BREAKFAST: On Saturday, April 5, 2025, we are asking for 4-5 volunteers. We make and serve breakfast for those in need beginning at 7:30 a.m. Please sign up online if you can volunteer, see our website for the link.

VBS 2025: Save the date! VBS “**Calling All Superheroes**” will be June 23 – 27. Details and information will be coming soon!

MALACHI 3:10 CHALLENGE: Each year, Our Shepherd challenges its members to pledge *20% of found or unexpected money* to the Lord in an offering based on the passage Malachi 3:10. The challenge continues for six weeks. Please sign up to participate and share the blessings received because of your commitment on the sheets in the narthex.

SEDER SUPPER: This year, we will be having a Seder Supper on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 5:30 PM. Please sign up in the narthex if you would like to attend this Christian Passover meal which teaches the origins of Holy Communion. All are welcome! (We will have a catered meal after the Seder festival).

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL: Join your fellow congregation members in a time of prayer and reflection during our 24-hour prayer vigil. This will be in the Fish Building chapel – sign up for the time that works best for you.

EASTER FLOWERS: Please see the sheet on the bulletin board to sign up to purchase Easter flowers. Pricing and styles available are listed. You can take the plants home after the 10:30 service on Easter Sunday.

EASTER BREAKFAST: We will have our annual Easter Breakfast this year following the 7:00 a.m. sunrise service on April 20. Please sign up if you plan to attend and note if you can donate a dessert item (muffins, coffee cake, etc.)

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER FOOD PANTRY: On Saturday, April 19, 2025, we are asking for 8 volunteers to bag and distribute food to those in need from 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. Please sign up using the link on our website.

HALLELUJAH CHORUS: Come join the choir to sing the Hallelujah Chorus on Easter! We will practice the weeks before Easter after the Wednesday Lent church service for about 15-20 minutes. See John if you have any questions. All are welcome to join!

FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL AND GLORIES OF GREECE: New dates are scheduled for Pastor Doug’s trip to Greece, September 20 – 30, 2025. Updated flyers are available on the entry table.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday	Women’s Bible Study	2:00 PM
Monday	Bell Choir	3:30 PM
Monday	Adult Bible Study	6:30 PM
Tuesday	Share Our Strengths (S.O.S.)	7:00 PM
Wednesday	Men’s Bible Study	6:00 AM
Wednesday	Women’s Bible Study	9:30 AM
Wednesday	Bell Choir	6:45 PM
Wednesday	Lenten Worship	7:15 PM
Wednesday	Senior Choir	8:00 PM
Saturday	Worship Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 AM



The Word Today is aired locally on Sunday mornings at 7:45 on WJYI 1340 AM and at 8:30 on WRJN 1400 AM.

NOTES

Listener Responses to The Word Today – Kabuverdianu (Cape Verde, West Africa)

- ❖ I really like TWT Kabuverdianu sermon and very blessed.
- ❖ Just to say that God blessed me a lot after listening to your preaching.
- ❖ God bless your family. The anointed messages have reached me. To God be the praises!
- ❖ I have been listening to this sermon for a long time, thank you very much for the Word.
- ❖ I am 84 years old and my husband and I listen to your TWT sermons every weekend. God bless you.
- ❖ I am a saleswoman, my taxi driver husband told me about TWT preaching. From now on, we take the time to listen to you on the radio. Our marriage has improved a lot!
- ❖ I am an unhappy wife. My marriage is almost over. TWT sermons have been of great help to me. Thank you.
- ❖ I want to thank God for the messages I hear every weekend on the radio. God bless you.
- ❖ I am a terminally ill person with cancer. The Word Today messages have been very good to me. Thank you very much.
- ❖ I am a pensioner. I have nothing, no family. The Word Today messages cheer me up a lot. All this is because I was disobedient to God. Please could you pray for me.
- ❖ During a bus ride, a listener told me: I recognized you by your voice. I am a faithful listener of TWT preaching.
- ❖ I thank God for your life and ministry. Every Saturday I listen very carefully to your sermons.
- ❖ Hello, I am a taxi driver and today I am a different man because of today's Word. Thank you very much!