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The Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

April 6, 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: I Cry to You, Lord Jesus Christ . . . J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 423 – Jesus Refuge of the Weary

Invocation:

P: In the name of the Father and of the 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, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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 43: 16-21

Anthem (10:30): Ah, Holy Jesus . . . D. McCullough

*Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended,
That mortal judgement has on you descended?
By foes derided, by your own rejected,
O most afflicted!*

*Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon you?
It is my treason, Lord, that has undone you.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied you,
I crucified you.*

*For me, dear Jesus, was your incarnation,
Your mortal sorrow, and your life's oblation;*

*Your death of anguish and your bitter passion,
For my salvation.*

*Therefore, dear Jesus, since I cannot pay you,
I do adore you and will ever pray you,
Think on your pity and your love unswerving,
Not my deserving.*

Epistle: Philippians 3: 8-14

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 20: 9-20

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

Hymn of the Day: LSB 430 – My Song is Love Unknown

Message from the Word:

Sermon Series: Encouragement from God, Part 7 – God Chooses the Foolish and Weak
Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

Nicene Creed: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

Prayer for Healing

Responsive Prayer:

P: Salvation belongs to the LORD;
C: *Your blessing be on your people!*
P: But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,
C: *my glory, and the lifter of my head.*
P: I cried aloud to the LORD,
C: *and he answered me from his holy hill.*
P: I lay down and slept;
C: *I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.*
P: I will not be afraid of many thousands of people
C: *who have set themselves against me all around.*

Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution/The Lord's Supper (8:00 a.m.)

The Bible is specific about who should attend the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 10: 16-17; 11: 27-30). We invite those who wish to confess their sins and believe they receive Christ's body and blood in this sacrament, for their forgiveness, to join us at the Lord's Table for their spiritual strengthening.

Communion Hymn: Agnus Dei (LSB p. 198)

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Communion Hymn: LSB 425 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The Dismissal (LSB 181)

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.
C: *Amen.*

Post-Communion Canticle (8:00): On My Heart Imprint Your Image (LSB 422)

On my heart imprint Your image,
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life’s riches, cares and pleasures
Never may Your work erase:
Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope’s foundation,
And my glory and salvation!

Closing Hymn: LSB 433 – Glory Be to Jesus

Benediction

Postlude: Glory Be To Jesus . . . R. Hobby

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

THE WORD TODAY WALK: Join us for a fun walk around Scout Lake’s half mile loop (5902 W. Loomis Road, Greendale) after the late service on Sunday, May 6th. We are celebrating TWT’s 47th anniversary and will provide a tailgate lunch. Please sign up so we can plan for food. (In case of inclement weather, we will be at church.)

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

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

MALACHI 3:10 CHALLENGE: Our challenge continues. 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!

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!

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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

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EASTER SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 17	Seder Supper	5:30 PM
Friday, April 18	Good Friday Worship	7:15 PM
Saturday, April 19	Worship Service	6:00 PM
Sunday, April 20	Easter Sunrise Service	7:00 AM
Sunday, April 20	Easter Breakfast	8:15 AM
Sunday, April 20	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday, April 20	Easter Worship	10:30 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.

Afghanistan

"I am 33 years old and married. I have three sons and work for the government. I know enough about our religious affairs. I had no knowledge of Christ and had no faith in anything. I knew nothing about Christ until one of my childhood friends introduced me. I was very hardhearted and upset at the time. When he noticed such things, he invited me to a garden for a conversation in which he discussed the Scriptures. I didn't believe him at first, but I called him one day to find out more. He did me a favour by telling me about salvation. I knew him, and he was trustworthy, so I trusted everything he said. He also told me about The Word Today radio programmes, which have inspired me and transformed my life."

Sri Lanka

"I'm in the army. I've heard of Jesus, but I'm not sure what he means. After following this programme, I felt compelled to learn more about Jesus."

"I'm from a small village. I relocated to the metro area in search of work. Yesterday, I listened to this programme. I recently accepted Jesus as my personal Saviour. It happened to me while I was in jail. I was arrested on suspicion of murder. But God saved me. My wife abandoned me, and I am now alone. Whatever happens, I will never abandon my God. Your programme makes my life easier. I'll never forget it. I don't attend a church, but this radio programme has been extremely beneficial to my profound salvation and spiritual growth."

Nepal

Whenever we have a fellowship, we use to listen the TWT program as our preaching time, our church pastor has provided us Radio device and SD Cards of the TWT program, we never miss the chance to hear the God's word. In our women fellowship, no one is biblically trained person, so this TWT Program has been teaching us and biblically equipping us. This program helping us to have daily Bible reading, prayer life, giving tithe and keep the sabbath. Such fundamental things we have been learning from TWT Program. Thank You

I am frequently listeners of TWT-Nepali program, I like this program and whenever I got time I get into this program since I knew . It is program that teaching the Biblical Knowledge and about Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the person, His word and Teaching, only bring the cause of revival and salvation.

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