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E-Mail: washing54@gmail.com**Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.****Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.****President:** Mr. Edwin Peeples**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT****April 3, 2022****The Stone the Builders Rejected****As We Gather**

With the promise of mercy comes the warning of judgment. That is the message we have heard throughout this season of Lent. In the parable Jesus spoke, the mercy of God is lavish and entirely too generous to be reasonable. God is relentless in His pursuit of us, but those who reject His mercy are condemned to stand alone before the judgment seat. The promise and a warning go together and will always go together until the saving work of God is complete and we live in His presence on high forevermore.

PREPARATION**644 The Church's One Foundation***sts. 1-3*

- 1 The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.

- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
 The world sees her oppressed,
 By schisms rent asunder,
 By heresies distressed,
 Yet saints their watch are keeping;
 Their cry goes up, "How long?"
 And soon the night of weeping
 Shall be the morn of song.

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Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 3:4, 8

P Salvation belongs to the LORD;

C Your blessing be upon Your people!

P I cried aloud to the LORD,

C and He answered me from His holy hill.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

P Deliver us, O Lord, from all our sin, and restore us by Your promise.

C We confess to You, O Lord, that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by the evils we have done and by the good we have not done. We have rejected Your Word as You have sent it to us to call us to repentance and have refused Your mercy. Deliver us from our hardness of heart. Forgive us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Restore us by Your grace, that we may walk according to Your Word and delight in You in our inmost heart. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. To the impenitent and unbelieving I declare that so long as you continue in your impenitence, God will not forgive your sins and will visit your iniquity upon you until you turn from your sinful ways, come to repentance, and trust in the merits of Jesus Christ alone.

C Amen.

P May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

WORD

Kyrie

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P O Christ,

C have mercy.

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P O Christ,

C hear us.

P God the Father in heaven,

C have mercy.

P God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C have mercy.

P God the Holy Spirit,

C have mercy.

P Be gracious to us.

C Spare us, good Lord.

P Be gracious to us.

C Help us, good Lord.

P From all sin, from all error, from all evil;
From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;
From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and
from rebellion;
From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from
everlasting death:

C Good Lord, deliver us.

P By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;
By Your Baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat;
by Your cross and Passion; by Your precious death and burial;
By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy
Spirit, the Comforter:

C Help us, good Lord.

P In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of
death; and in the day of judgment:

C Help us, good Lord.

P We poor sinners implore You

C to hear us, O Lord.

P To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and
ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your
wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;
To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of
truth all who have erred and are deceived;
To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your
harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort
and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord
and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;
To direct and defend our [*president/queen/king*] and all in authority; to
bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;
To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to
protect and guide all who travel;
To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children,
increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows
and provide for them;
To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in
bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts;
to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously
to hear our prayers:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
C we implore You to hear us.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C have mercy.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C have mercy.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C grant us Your peace.

P O Christ,
C hear us.

P O Lord,
C have mercy.

P O Christ,
C have mercy.

P O Lord,
C have mercy. Amen.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P 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 Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Announcement of the Day

P This is the last Sunday before we enter Holy Week. On this day, we hear the warning of the Lord against those who refuse His mercy as well as the promise that those who trust in Him will never be forsaken. Isaiah gives us the promise of a new thing that the people God has formed to be His own might declare His praise forever. In his letter to the Philippians, Paul urges us to press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God. In the Gospel, the Lord tells another parable in which He warns that the same cornerstone that holds up the house of God's mercy will become the stone that crushes those who reject it.

Old Testament Reading

¹⁶Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
 they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸Remember not the former things,
 nor consider the things of old.
¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
 I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
²⁰The wild beasts will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches,
 for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
 to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself
 that they might declare my praise."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 3:8–14

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order 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 comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' ¹⁵And 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 destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone?'

¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

sts. 1–3

1 Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
 Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
 Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
 O Thou sinless Son of God!
 Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
 From the bonds of sin forever.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

3 Thou hast borne the smiting only
 That my wounds might all be whole;
 Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
 Rest to give my weary soul;
 Yea, the curse of God enduring,
 Blessing unto me securing.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

P Come, let us offer to the Lord the prayers of our heart, trusting in His mercy to supply all things needful for this body and life and for eternal life.

Give to us grace, heavenly Father, that we not reject Christ the cornerstone but build on Him our hopes of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give to us grace, heavenly Father, that we hear the voice of Your Word, heed the call of the prophets, and faithfully proclaim this Gospel to all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give to us grace, heavenly Father, that all our leaders guide us according to Your Word in the cause of justice and for the provision of the common good. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give to us grace, heavenly Father, that we repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ our Savior, and show forth in our lives the good works You desire. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give to us grace, heavenly Father, that we find refuge in Your healing wounds. [*Hear us especially for . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give to us grace, heavenly Father, that we acknowledge Your goodness and use well all the resources You have supplied us so that Your name be glorified. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give to us grace, heavenly Father, that we who approach the Table of Your Son be worthy in faith to receive His body and blood, bear the fruits of repentance in our daily lives, and live in unity of faith and godly concord. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Additional petitions may be inserted here.

P Give us grace, heavenly Father, to confess You before the world and at the last to rest our hope upon the promise of the resurrection when we shall dwell together with all the saints, in light and life forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

C Amen.

Offering

SACRAMENT

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

**C 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.**

Distribution Hymn**618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table**

sts. 1, ref, 2-3

1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain

ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain

3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
 Because I have a sinful heart,
 Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
 For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.
 Almighty and everlasting God, King of glory, and Lord of heaven and earth,
 by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are
 ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we
 implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in
 true fear to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our
 Lord.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

Dismissal

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

D 1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
 Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME – A warm welcome to everyone! If you are our GUEST, it is a pleasure to have you worshipping with us. **BLESSINGS!**

PALM SUNDAY – Palm Sunday this year will be even more special than usual. As I mentioned on last Sunday we will welcome into Membership Pastor and Mrs. Marvin and Shirley Griffin. The Griffins will join us having finished serving God's people in their final Call to St. Philips Lutheran Church, Detroit. **Praise Be to God!**

We are excited to have speaking to us on that Sunday Mrs. Izola Gayles of Epiphany, Arlington. Mrs. Gayles, who is now I believe 100 years old, is still full of life and vibrancy, and if all goes well, will share with us her story.

Finally, that Sunday will be our Kick-Off to what's called the DEEP initiative. It's Diabetes Empowerment Education Program and is designed to improve the overall health outcomes by reducing risk factors for diabetes. The Initiative will be presented during 8 Sessions. We've determined that since our Senior Day activity is already an establish group it would work well to do it there. Therefore, we invite everyone interested to join us on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. The DEEP presentations will take about the first 45 minutes of our time each S D O until completed. Then, of course, we will conclude with our usual games, fun and lunch. The first of these Sessions will be on Maundy Thursday, the Thursday after Palm Sunday. What a great day to look forward to on 2nd Sunday of April, Palm Sunday. Please also keep in mind that on that Thursday Holy Communion will be served in the Sanctuary during the noon hour. Senior Day Out re-start date is Thursday, April 14th.

INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE – I want to strongly encourage our members to visit our website, especially regarding detailed information about our **DEEP Program**, as well as pertinent information regarding this summer's **Black Family Convocation**. Also, you will be able to see information regarding our **Children's virtual Easter Program/egg hunt**.

SCHEDULE FOR LENT/HOLY WEEK/EASTER – 1) On each Wednesday in Lent you are invited out for meditation and Communion between Noon and 1 p.m. On Holy Week, Communion will not take place on that Wednesday but on that Maundy Thursday same time. **2)** We will omit the Holy Saturday hot dog give-a-way, one of our favorite activities, for obvious reasons. **3)** Easter Sunday, which is usually our busiest day of the year will have just the one activity, a 6 a.m. Sunrise Easter Service with Holy Communion. **4)** The omission of some of our beloved activities including no Mid-week night Services, no hot dog outreach event, no Easter morning breakfast, no Children’s Easter Program, no Easter egg hunt are all excluded in an effort to be as safe as possible in our current situation. Thanks for your patience and understanding and let’s pray that we’ll have a normal experience on next year.

VIRTUAL SERVICES – Worship services will now be available via Zoom for those of you that are unable to attend the in-person worship services. The following link will be used for every service: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87066538071>. The meeting ID is 870 6653 8071. The bulletin for every worship service will be available on the church’s website.

PRAYER HOUR – Please join us each Saturday @ 11 a.m. for prayer. Dial 1/681-999-0264; Access Code 391959#. Also, I invite you to go on our website and view our monthly newsletters and other information. On there you will also see a complete listing of prayer requests/concerns.

VERSE OF THE WEEK – Each week there will be a different verse in the bulletin. Members are encouraged to memorize and meditate on the verses.

VERSE OF THE WEEK – Isaiah 43:25

*“I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions . . .
and remembers your sins no more.”*

“Happy Birthday”

April 8th Mrs. Lorenza McIntosh

April 8th Mrs. Agnes C. Pegues

“Happy Anniversary”

April 6th Mr. & Mrs. Roy & Evelyn Barber