

## FOR OUR DIVINE SERVICE

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**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**March 29, 2020**

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*(Please turn off cell phones in preparation for the Divine Service)*

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### PRELUDE

### PASTORAL GREETING

### OPENING HYMN

TLH 390

*Drawn to the Cross, which Thou hast Blest*

1. Drawn to the Cross, which Thou hast blest With healing gifts for souls distrest, To find in Thee my life, my rest, Christ Crucified, I come.
2. Thou knowest all my griefs and fears, Thy grace abused, my misspent years; Yet now to Thee with contrite tears, Christ Crucified, I come.
3. Wash me and take away each stain; Let nothing of my sin remain. For cleansing, tho' it be thro' pain, Christ Crucified, I come.
4. And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so sweet a service be That angels well might envy me, Christ Crucified, I come.

### INVOCATION AND OPENING VERSICLES

P In the Name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Jesus said, "Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them

C will be like a wise man who built his house on a rock."

P The rain fell.

C The floods came.

P The winds blew and beat on that house.

C But it did not fall.

P It had been built on the rock.

C A firm foundation.

P Unshakeable and immovable.

C Solid and strong.

P Lord, build us up on the rock of Your Word.

C For Your Word stands forever and is a firm foundation, unshakeable, immovable, solid and strong.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P When we trust in ourselves, our foundation is faulty and our spiritual ground is shaky. But when we confess our sins, God restores our foundation and build us up to His glory.

C Most merciful God, we are too much like the foolish man who built his house on the sand. We are sinful in thought, word and deed, by what we do and by what we fail to do. We are sinful from birth and are filled with evil. As a result, when the storms of life blow up, we are easily hurt and destroyed by them. We fail to build our spiritual lives on the firm foundation of Your Word. Forgive us and renew us so that we are built up for our spiritual good and for Your glory.

P In His great grace, God our Father picks up the pieces of our lives and fully forgives us because of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus our Savior. He establishes us on the foundation of His love and makes us firm in faith. 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.

### HOLY SCRIPTURE

#### OLD TESTAMENT

*Isaiah 51:1-3; NKJV - pg. 650*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

#### EPISTLE

*I Corinthians 3:10-15; NKJV p. 1014*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Return to the LORD, for He is slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

#### HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 7:24-27; NKJV - pg. 855*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

[Luke 4:16]

[Mark 1:15]

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

A 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.

**HYMN**

TLH 370 vv. 1 &amp; 3

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

1. My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name. On  
Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, His covenant, and blood Support me in the whelming flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my Hope and Stay. On  
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**SERMON**

"Build on Rock"

Mt. 7:24-27

**APOSTLES' CREED** *(In Unison)**[1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 10:9]*

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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell, The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, The holy Christian Church; the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

**THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES and SACRIFICIAL GIFTS***(Please sign our Fellowship Folder and pass it on.)***OFFERING****OFFERING PRAYER** *(Pastor)***RESPONSIVE PRAYERS**

P Lord Jesus, when the storms of life tear us down, build us back up in You. When our sin tears down another person, forgive us so that we are built back up in You. When it seems impossible to put back together the pieces of our lives, build us back up in You. When storms tear us down,

C build us back up on the foundation of Your firm Word.

P Lord Jesus, Your church is the place where You give gifts that build up rather than tear down. Draw us to You week in and week out so we are strong to face any adversity that may come our way. When storms tear us down,

C build us back up on the foundation of Your firm Word.

P Lord Jesus, we live in a sinful world and sometimes governments tear down rather than build up. Please provide leaders in our world and in our nation that provide help and protection for the poor, the needy and the oppressed. Use the structure of governments everywhere to provide resources that lay a firm foundation for peaceful life in this world. When storms tear us down,

C build us back up on the foundation of Your firm Word.

P Lord Jesus, sometimes our bodies are torn down by the impact of sickness and disease. It is at those times that we need You to strengthen us and bring back the foundation of good health for our bodies. According to Your will bring health and healing to all those we know who have been torn down by illness. When storms tear us down,

C build us back up on the foundation of Your firm Word.

P Lord Jesus, the ultimate destroyer is death. But You have provided a way to life everlasting. When our bodies die, You give us new and eternal life. Thank You for the life and witness of the faithful Christians who have gone before us. Make their lives a witness and testimony to Your amazing love. When storms tear us down,

C build us back up on the foundation of Your firm Word.

P Into Your hands, Lord Jesus, we place all of our needs, knowing that You use Your Word to reconstruct us and build us up for our good and for Your glory.

C Amen.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(In Unison)***CLOSING HYMN**

LSB 750 vv. 1, 2, &amp; 7

*If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee*

1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee And hope in Him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee, And bear thee through the evil days. Who trusts in God's unchanging love Builds on the rock that naught can move.

2. What can these anxious cares avail thee, These never-ceasing moans and sighs? What can it help if thou bewail thee O'er each dark moment as it flies? Our cross and trials do but press The heavier for our bitterness.

7. Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving, Perform thy duties faithfully, And trust His Word; though undeserving, Thou yet shalt find it true for thee. God never yet forsook in need The soul that trusted Him indeed.

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## BENEDICTION

ALL: "Amen, Amen, Amen."

**DOXOLOGY** (*Omitted during the Lenten Season*)

**SILENT PRAYER**

**POSTLUDE**

**FELLOWSHIP GREETING**

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**As you enter church** please prepare yourself for confession and absolution, hearing God's Word, personal prayer, praise and reception of the Lord's Supper by quietly contemplating the following Psalms: 43, 69 109, 119, 120, and 143. You may also wish to make use of the prayers that begin on page 102ff. in the forefront of The Lutheran Hymnal. Your time of quiet contemplation will not only prepare you for worship, but will help others do the same.

**Stewardship Corner** Christ, Who gave His life for us on Calvary's cross, enables us to live lives of service to Him. Jesus said, "...let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves." (Luke 22:26)

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR TOPIC for next Sunday, 04/05: "There's Still Time"**  
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler – "People can be unreceptive to God's love because they are very bad – or because they think they are very good." (Exodus 11-12) Tune in to *The Lutheran Hour* every Sunday on WDFN (1130 AM) at 6:30 A.M., WRDT (560 AM) at 7:30 A.M. and at Noon, XM Satellite Family Radio Dial 170 at 1:00 P.M. or RealAudio on the internet at [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org).

**See the new poster on Glen Eden, our local Lutheran Memorial Park.** Tour our beautiful religious memorial park. See the poster in the Welcome Center for contact information or for more information please call 248-477-4460 or visit [www.glenedenmemorialpark.org](http://www.glenedenmemorialpark.org). You are also encouraged to visit **Glen Eden East at 19810 26 Mile Rd., Macomb, MI** or give them a call at 586-677-5400.

**Remember in Prayer**

**For those with the Coronavirus** – that they may receive the help and comfort of Jesus our Divine Physician.



**For the protection of everyone in this time of Epidemic, and for the increase and strengthening of faith in Christ for all believers.**

**Lynn Pastoria** – at the death of her husband, our former Elder, Anthony Pastoria on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

**For the family of the Rev. Dr. Herbert Mueller, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the LC-MS** – who died in the Lord last week.

**Karen Schumer** – who is making progress in her recovery from eye surgery.  
**Those we know who are being treated for cancer: Payton Huskey, Jennifer Gade-Kroll, Nancy McGregor-McCarthy, and Keith Josefiak.**

**For our Pastor emeritus The Rev. Dr. Joseph Fabry** – for daily strength and comfort for body, mind and soul.

**Cheryl Wenskay** - who is recovering from a recent hospitalization and surgery.

**Delores Ford** - aunt of Cheryl Wenskay, who is receiving oxygen for comfort and is now in hospice care.

**Daniel Russell Kusch** – for protection in his mother's womb during these final weeks until his birth in April.

**Peggy Jantz** – friend of Laura Bommarito, who is recovering from painful back surgery.

**Roseann Morgan** – friend of our members, as she continues her recovery from a series of strokes.

**Don and Paula Berkseth** – for daily safety and physical strength while remaining at home.

**Betty Broderdorff** – who has been gravely ill.

**Our many, many shut-in members.**

**Life Thoughts** Life issues like surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis cast long shadows. Sometimes our mortal eyes only behold despair and death in such circumstances. But our Lord Jesus loves nothing more than lost causes (Ezekiel 37:5-6). He walks hope into the darkest valley, and where our resolve ends, His resurrection begins. Trusting His presence and promise and power takes hold of a life not even crisis or cancer can touch (John 11:25).

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