



Sunday, April 6, 2025
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Service Theme

What The World Treasures Is Trash.
What The World Trashes Is Treasure.

In God's family, the things the world prizes and pursues are counted as worthless. Conversely, what the world rejects and discards is considered priceless and worth pursuing. The best example of this is Jesus Christ himself. The Father sent his greatest treasure—God the Son—to earth. And many considered Jesus to be a trash that needed to be taken out. . . a troublemaker that needed to be killed. In truth, Christ is the precious cornerstone that God used to build his house, the one with the open door.

407 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

CW 407



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God. All the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 trib - ute far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con-tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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The Service

Setting Five

Invocation

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

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

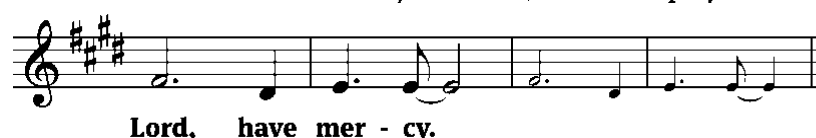
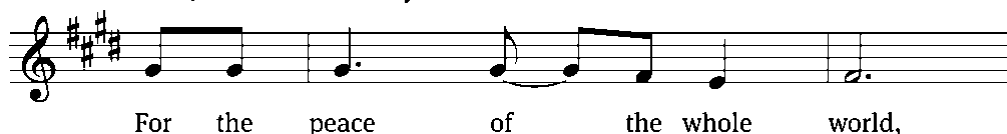
**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy



For this ho - ly house and for all who of - fer here their
wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
A - men.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Philippians 3:4b–14

St. Paul views as trash what most consider to be treasure and treasures what most consider to be trash.

If anyone else thinks that he has grounds for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶in regard to zeal, persecuting the church; in regard to the righteousness that is in the law, blameless.

⁷But, whatever things were a profit for me, these things I have come to consider a loss because of Christ. ⁸But even more than that, I consider everything to be a loss because of what is worth far more: knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord. For his sake, I have lost all things and consider them rubbish, so that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, which comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness that comes from God by faith. ¹⁰I do this so that I may know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, ¹¹in the hope that in some way I may arrive at the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus also took hold of me. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it yet, but there is one thing I do: Forgetting the things that are behind and straining toward the things that are ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal, for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

73C My Feet Had Almost Slipped

Psalm 73C



1 My feet had al - most slipped; I near - ly lost my hold when
 2 My sanc - tu - ar - y sure, my por - tion and my rest, the
 3 My flesh and heart may fail but God is still my strength; his



wick - ed lies were on the lips of ar - ro - gant and bold.
 LORD re - mains my hope se - cure, the ref - uge of the blest.
 prom - is - es will soon pre - vail and o - ver - come at length.



Their un - re - pent - ant mouths caused mis - er - y and fears un -
 His pres - ence cheers my soul, his right hand holds me fast; he
 Whom have I, LORD, but you? I turn my eyes from earth and



til I en - tered God's own house and wiped a - way my tears.
 guides my path with his con - trol, takes me to heav'n at last.
 seek those things which, good and true, a - lone have price - less worth.

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Second Reading

1 John 2:15–17

The world will pass away, but who believe in Jesus remain forever.

¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

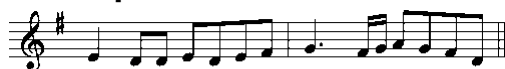
¹⁶For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, boasting about material possessions—is not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷The world and its desires pass away, but the one who does the will of God remains forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:22



Refrain



Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, Son of the liv - ing God.

Tone



The stone the builders re - ject - ed has become the cor - ner - stone.

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Gospel

Luke 20:9–19

Even though the world rejects God's Son, He remains the cornerstone upon which God builds his Church.

⁹He began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, leased it to some tenant farmers, and went away on a journey for a long time. ¹⁰When it was the right time, he sent a servant to the tenants to collect his share of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenant farmers beat the servant and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹The man went ahead and sent yet another servant, but they also beat him, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²He then sent yet a third. They also wounded him and threw him out. ¹³The owner of the vineyard said, ‘What should I do? I will send my son, whom I love. Perhaps they will respect him.’

¹⁴“But when the tenant farmers saw him, they talked it over with one another. They said, ‘This is the heir. Let's kill him, so that the inheritance will be ours.’ ¹⁵They threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. So what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenant farmers and give the vineyard to others.”

When they heard this, they said, "May it never be!"

¹⁷But he looked at them and said, "Then what about this that is written:

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

¹⁸"Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush the one on whom it falls."

¹⁹That very hour the chief priests and the experts in the law began looking for a way to lay hands on him, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

699 Take the World, but Give Me Jesus

CW 699

1 Take the world, but give me Je - sus, all its
2 Take the world, but give me Je - sus, sweet-est
3 Take the world, but give me Je - sus; in his

joys are but a name; but his love a - bides for -
com - fort of my soul; with the Sav - ior watch - ing
cross my trust shall be till with clear - er, bright - er

ev - er, through e - ter - nal years the same.
o'er me, I can sing, though thun - ders roll.
vi - sion face to face my Lord I see.

Refrain



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Sermon

Luke 15:11-32

What do you value most in life?

- 1) Don't love the things of this world.
- 2) Love the LORD, and his gracious will for you.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

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.**

**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.**

Prayer of the Church

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [especially . . . here name the person and the cause of the petition]. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near. **Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, [especially . . . here name the person]. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

Offering

The Sacrament

Preface



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It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the
high - est! Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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 of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lamb of God

The musical score is written for a vocal part and an instrumental accompaniment. The key signature is G major (one sharp, F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line consists of several phrases of the hymn, with lyrics written below the notes. The instrumental line provides a harmonic accompaniment, often using a sustained note or a simple melody. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, (hmmm) have mer-cy on us." This phrase is repeated twice. The final line of the score is "(hmmm) A - men.".

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world, (hmmm) have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world, (hmmm) have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world, (hmmm) grant us your peace.

(hmmm) A - men.

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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

Amen.

850 It Is Well with My Soul

CW 850



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— my
4 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil-lows roll— what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re-sound, and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more: praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de-scend; e - ven so, it is well with my soul.



Refrain

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

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Setting Five from Christian Worship

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Announcements

Church Cleaners

April 13 – Andrew // April 20 – Peter

Midweek Lenten Worship: Reflections on Repentance

Using David's great penitential Psalm 51 as our guide, this year's Midweek series of Lenten reflections explores the depths of our sinful depravity, the brokenness of our relationship with God, our dire need for rescue, and the good news of forgiveness, cleansing, and rejoicing in our restored relationship with God and the promise of eternal life through Jesus our Saviour. Please join us every Wednesday evening until Palm Sunday at 7 p.m. as the WELS Ottawa pastors take turns leading us worship as the reflection on repentance.

Easter Altar Flowers

For anyone wishing to help beautify the Altar for Easter, please drop off the plant(s) of your choice (lilies, daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, etc.) to the church by 10:30 am on Saturday, April 19th. You are welcome to take your plants home after the Easter Worship service or, if you wish, you may leave them at church to continue to beautify the altar for upcoming worship services.

Holy Week Schedule at Divine Word

April 17

7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion

April 18

10:30 AM – Good Friday Service (no Communion)

April 20

8:00 AM – Easter Sunrise Service with Holy Communion

9:00 AM – Easter Breakfast

10:30 AM – Easter Late Service (no Communion)

DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

- Su (6)** 9:00 am **Sunday School / Bible Class**
10:30 am **Worship with Communion**
11:30 am First Fellowship
3:00 pm **Worship in Poltimore**
- Tu (8)** 5:30 pm Youth Confirmation (W)
- We (9)** 11:30 am Communicating Christ (Adult)
7:00 pm **Midweek Lenten Service**
- Th (10)** 6:00 pm Illumine (at St. Paul's)
- Fr (11)** 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study (Romans 9-16)
4:30 pm Confirmation (D)
6:00 pm Friday Fellowship
- Sa (12)** 11:00 pm Communicating Christ (Youth)
- Su (13)** 9:00 am **Sunday School / Bible Class**
10:30 am **Worship**
11:30 am Coffee Hour
- Tu (15)** 7:00 pm Elders Meeting
- Th (17)** 7:00 pm **Maundy Thursday (Communion)**
- Fr (18)** 10:30 am **Good Friday Worship**
- Su (20)** 8:00 am **Easter Sunrise (Communion)**
9:00 am Easter Breakfast
10:30 am **Easter Worship**
3:00 pm **Easter in Poltimore (Communion)**



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