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Lent 4

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“YOU ARE MY
ROCK
AND MY
FORTRESS.”



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 31:1-8

¹ In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me! ² Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me! ³ For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me; ⁴ you take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge. ⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. ⁶ I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the LORD. ⁷ I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction; you have known the distress of my soul, ⁸ and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #354

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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

C *♩* A - - - men.

CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

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. 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 Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge**

of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C ♪ A --- men.

INTROIT

Ps. 27:1, 3-5

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

P The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

C **Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

P One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.

C **For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me upon a rock.**

P The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Ps. 125:1-2

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds His people, from this time forth and forevermore.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord"

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

TLH #237:1

C ♪ All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

P Let us pray. ... and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ♪ A - - - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Genesis 21:1-14 The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised. ² And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³ Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac. ⁴ And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵ Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶ And Sarah said, "God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me." ⁷ And she said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age." ⁸ And the child grew and was

weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹ But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, laughing. ¹⁰ So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not be heir with my son Isaac." ¹¹ And the thing was very displeasing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹² But God said to Abraham, "Be not displeased because of the boy and because of your slave woman. Whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹³ And I will make a nation of the son of the slave woman also, because he is your offspring." ¹⁴ So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.

GOSPEL READING – John 6:1-15 After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ² And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³ Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵ Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!" ¹⁵ Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles.

**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.

HYMN: TLH #54

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

SERMON – Galatians 4:21-5:1 Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? ²² For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. ²³ But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. ²⁴ Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. ²⁵ Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. ²⁶ But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. ²⁷ For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband." ²⁸ Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. ²⁹ But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. ³⁰ But what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman." ³¹ So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman. ¹ For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Only One Could Climb the Mountain

OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

- ☉** **♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Hymn: TLH #40

“The God of Abraham Praise”

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

- ☉** **♪ We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

GENERAL PRAYER

✠ Memorial Service for Betty K. Sweet ✠

Betty Sweet, of Winter Haven, FL, died Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at Good Shepherd Hospice in Auburndale, FL.



“O LORD, You have searched me and known me.... For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.”

(Ps. 139:1,13-14,17)

Betty was born on June 1, 1938 in Big Rapids, MI to Dale and Gail Vredenburg. She spent her formative years there with her five brothers and sisters and attended Big Rapids High School, graduating in 1956.

“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one’s youth.” (Ps. 127:3)

Betty met Bob Sweet during high school on a double blind date to a roller-skating rink. She and Bob were married on June 16, 1956. Together, they taught roller-skate dancing and were very active. The Lord blessed them with three children: Lynn, Dusty, and Jace.

“It is good and fitting for one to eat and drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun all the days of his life which God gives him; for it is his heritage.” (Eccles. 5:18)

Betty became a registered nurse in the mid 1980’s after graduating from Ferris State University in Big Rapids, MI. She worked as a nurse for about fifteen years. Betty and Bob were avid travelers, serving in the Peace Corps in Honduras in 1989, and spending their summers volunteering at various national parks through the 1990’s and early 2000’s. Passionate outdoorsmen, they frequently took family camping trips, teaching their children to be conservationists. Betty also was a very gifted artist, writing and illustrating many Junior Ranger books for national parks. She was a very skilled painter, stained-glass maker, and knitter.

Bob departed from this vale of tears on October 6, 2007. After spending the past year at Spring Lake Memory Care, Betty was moved to Good Shepherd Hospice. She passed away in the early morning hours of Wednesday, March 13, 2019.

Betty is survived by her sisters: Donna (Ted), Diane (Dave), and Joanne (Jack); her brother, Bud (Barb); her children: Lynn (Bill) Parker, Dusty (Jaime) Beverwyk, and Jace (Kim) Sweet; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Dale and Gail Vredenburg; and her brother, Max Vredinburg.

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.” (2 Tim. 4:7-8)

P We have come here today to comfort one another upon the death of our sister-in-Christ Betty Sweet and to draw encouragement from the word of our God. Listen then to the living words of our life-giving God, Who reminds us concerning our mortal lives:

“All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.” (Is. 40:6b-7)

In view of that fact, we implore the Lord:

“LORD, make me to know my end, and what is the measure of my days, that I may know how frail I am. Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, and my age is as nothing before You; certainly every man at his best state is but vapor.” (Ps. 39:4-6)

Why is this the case? What hope do we have? God informs us:

“As through one man’s offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man’s righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous. Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteous-ness to eternal life through Jesus Christ the Lord.” (Rom. 5:18-21)

Yes, through Jesus’ blood and righteousness we have been given the promise of eternal life. Consequently, we confess with Peter:

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” (1 Pet. 1:3-5)



DEVOTION – Isaiah 40:8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

“Betty’s Abiding Hope”

PRAYER and LORD’S PRAYER

P Almighty and most merciful God, in whose hands we all rest and upon whose hands we all depend, teach us to number our days, that we may seek wisdom from Your Word. Give us the grace to live by faith in your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and to fulfill our individual callings to Your glory. When Jesus appears at the end of time, may we also appear with Him in glory even as You have promised. We commend to Your fatherly goodness the family and friends of Betty Sweet. Let the pains of their loss be lessened by the promises of Your Word. Let Betty’s passing serve as an encouragement to all of us to direct our thoughts heavenward, so that we may truly seek that one thing needful--the precious truth of Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord--and receive the blessing of that truth--life everlasting. We ask for these blessings and all others in the name our blessed Savior, Jesus, in Whose name we also join to pray:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C **♪ Amen, amen, a – men.**

CLOSING HYMN: Back of Bulletin

“The Old Rugged Cross”

✝ Announcements ✝

Fellowship Potluck will follow the service in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to attend and greet Betty's family.

Daily Rest Devotional If you are interested in subscribing to receive these devotions quarterly, there are still two weeks to do so. Subscriptions are \$15 a year. I would encourage you all to subscribe.

Looking Ahead...

- ✝ **Today:** Potluck
- ✝ **Today:** Elders and Council
- ✝ **Apr. 3:** Wednesday Lent
- ✝ **Apr. 7:** Communion and Fellowship Snack
- ✝ **Apr. 7:** Ladies of Immanuel
- ✝ **Apr. 7:** Quarterly Voters Mtg

CLC Call News Teacher Seth Schaller of Messiah Lutheran of Eau Claire, WI has received the call to Trinity Lutheran of West Columbia, SC to be principal and 4th - 8th grade teacher. <> Pastor David Schaller of Redeemer Lutheran of Sister Lakes, MI has received the call to Prince of Peace Lutheran of Loveland, CO.

ILHS Retirement: Professor Paul Sullivan recently announced his intention to retire from his call at ILC. We thank the Lord for his many gifts which our church body has enjoyed as he has prepared our young people for their service in His kingdom. May the Lord bless him and his wife, Jan, in this next phase of their life.

Shut-in/Encouragement List Emily Kuehne suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno** continues to receive treatment for her kidney condition and is awaiting a transplant. **Ray Seger** remains shut-in. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive. **Crystal Shaw** has many blood clots in her heart, lungs, and legs, and is receiving treatment to prevent a heart attack. **Bill Hartmann's** health is deteriorating. Please keep Bill and Liz in your prayers.

Last Week (3/24) WH – 57 Orlando – 15

General = \$1,100.25 | CLC Missions = \$30 | ILC Scholarship = \$10
Tuition = \$1,725 | Building = \$100 | | Richard Cook Memorial = \$50
Total Offering = \$3,015.25

April Usher: Ed Morris | **Acolyte (4/7):** Grant R.
| **Cleaner (4/6):** Ream

THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

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1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rugged cross, The emblem of
 2. Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, Has a wondrous at -
 3. In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so di-vine, A won - drous
 4. To the old rugged cross I will ev - er be true, Its shame and re -

suf - f'ring and shame; And I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
 trac - tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His glo - ry a - bove
 bean - ty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died
 proach glad-ly bear; Then He'll call me some day to my home far a - way,

CHORUS.

For a world of lost sin - ners was slain. So I'll cher-ish the old rug-ged
 To bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
 To par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share. cross, the

cross, Till my tro-phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the
 old rug-ged cross,

old rug-ged cross, And exchange it some day for a crown.
 cross, the old rugged cross,