

# "We Press On" Philippians 3:8-14, 20-21

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#### FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT DIVINE SERVICE 4 WITH COMMUNION (PAGE 203) APRIL 6, 2025

#### WORSHIP - PRAY

Heavenly Father, prepare my heart for worship. Open my ears and heart to receive Your Word that reveals the gracious work of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ who shed His blood for me. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen

#### **WELCOME**

As Christians, we praise our Lord Jesus when we come to receive His grace that He so freely bestows upon us. We are delighted, therefore, that you have come to join us today to worship God's Son, Jesus who shed His blood on the Cross to deliver us from our sins.

#### THE LORD'S SUPPER AT TRINITY

Our congregation celebrates the Lord's Supper as Scripture teaches that it is the central unifying expression of the body of Christ with Her Lord, and with one another in doctrine and faith. In this regard, as a member of the LC-MS, we therefore have promised to observe the practice of "Closed Communion" in love and support of our doctrinal unity. Because of this, we respectfully ask those from other fellowships to refrain from coming to our communion rail as we believe those who receive The Lord's Supper are called to confess the same holy faith in unity as Scripture teaches. If you should have any questions about this, please speak with Pastor before the service. (See also the brochure in the pew rack.) If you are physically unable to come forward to receive The Lord's Supper, please let Pastor or an Elder know before the service.

Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center cups on the trays and is a lighter color. The Non-alcoholic wine is <u>NOT</u> available from the chalice. Gluten free wafers are available for those with sensitivity. Please let the Pastor or Elder know if you would prefer this option.

## PRELUDE BELL CHOIR WITH CLARA LOHSE ON VIOLIN: "IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY"

## HYMN OF INVOCATION: 575 MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

Stand

### INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- ${f P}$  In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# EXHORTATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3-4; Luke 18:13

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Be Seated or Kneel as you are able—Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

# ABSOLUTION

[John 20:19–23]

- 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.
- **G** Amen.

Stand

# **INTROIT**

P Salvation belongs to the LORD;

**G** your blessing be on your people!

- P But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,
  - my glory, and the lifter of my head.
- **P** I cried aloud to the LORD,

**G** and he answered me from his holy hill.

P lay down and slept;

**C** I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.

P I will not be afraid of many thousands of people

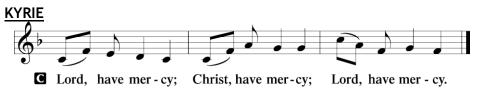
G who have set themselves against me all around.

- ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
- as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Salvation belongs to the LORD;

**G** your blessing be on your people!



Mark 10:47

# SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

# **G** And also with you.

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.

Be seated

# OLD TESTAMENT READING: ISAIAH 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.
Behold, 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.
The 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, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

# GRADUAL

**G** [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,

the founder and perfecter of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

## EPISTLE: PHILIPPIANS 3:8-14, 20-21

Indeed, 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 and 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— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not 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. Brothers, 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, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

#### HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 20:9-20

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

[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. When 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. And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written:

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

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

The 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. So 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.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

 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 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Be seated

#### HYMN OF THE DAY: 748 I'M BUT A STRANGER HERE

SERMON "We Press On" – Philippians 3:8-14, 20-21

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#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

▶ Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Petitions are offered for the whole Church, the congregation, the nations, those in need, and for other concerns. After each petition:

**P** Lord in Your mercy,

#### **C** hear our prayer.

P O Lord, in Baptism You have shared Christ's suffering, death and resurrection with us, that we might be raised from the dead. Preserve us from taking His sacrifice for granted. Encourage us to forget what lies behind and strain forward to what lies ahead, until we attain the resurrection from the dead; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

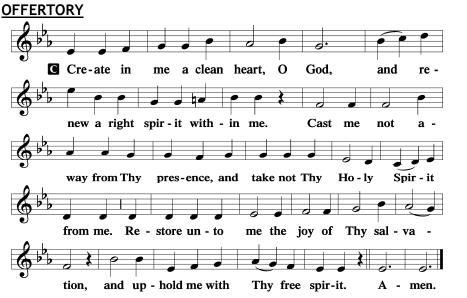
#### **G** Amen.

Be seated

### **OFFERING**

#### Bell Duet: Jana Grim \*& Debbie Nordick: "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

Stand



Psalm 51:10-12

#### PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- G We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us [**P**] and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, С 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.

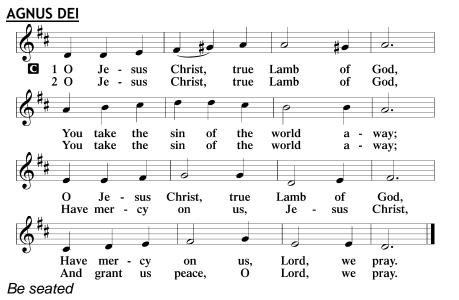
### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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."

#### PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



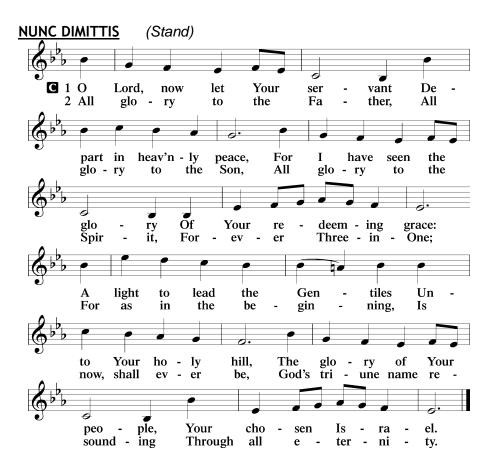
#### DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 425 WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

#### DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 625 LORD JESUS CHRIST, LIFE-GIVING BREAD

#### DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 622 LORD JESUS CHRIST, YOU HAVE PREPARED

#### DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 685 LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS

John 1:29



# POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Luke 2:29-32

C Amen.

## **BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

## C Thanks be to God.

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

C Amen.

Please be seated

## HYMN TO DEPART: 664 FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

#### POSTLUDE

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