



***For our citizenship is in  
heaven, from which we also  
eagerly wait for the Savior,  
the Lord Jesus Christ,  
Philippians 3:20***

**The Second Sunday in Lent  
March 16, 2024**



**Sunday Worship  
9:30AM**

**Christian  
Education  
11AM**

*Wisconsin Synod*

# OUR REDEEMER

LUTHERAN CHURCH

## WELCOME

The door to God and the glory he has prepared for us stands wide open. He has mapped out a very specific pathway to that door. It is not an easy one.

As it did with Jesus, this route takes us through opposition, suffering and even death. While our human nature may cause us to want to take a detour around these things, Jesus own life shows us that no detour is allowed. His cross came before his crown. The same path lies ahead for us. In the end, through the open door, we will be offered a reward far superior to anything the world can offer.

### **For parents with Small Children**

There is a children's bulletin available in the basket together with the service folders as you enter. Please pick one up. If necessary, rest rooms and a video monitor for watching the service are in the fellowship hall. Go to your left as you walk out of the worship area, through the double doors.

**+ + + Service of the Word + + +**

**Hymn – *Lord, You I Love with All My Heart***

**CW434**

**1 Lord, you I love with all my heart;  
I pray you ne'er from me depart;  
With tender mercies cheer me.  
Earth has no pleasure I would share;  
Heaven itself were void and bare  
If you, Lord, were not near me.  
And should my heart for sorrow break,  
My trust in you no one could shake.  
You are the treasure I have sought;  
Your precious blood my soul has bought.  
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
Forsake me not! I trust your Word.**

**2 Lord God, 'twas your rich bounty gave  
My body, soul, and all I have  
In this poor life of labor.  
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place  
May glorify your lavish grace  
And serve and help my neighbor.  
Let no false doctrine me beguile;  
Let Satan not my soul defile.  
Give strength and patience unto me  
To bear my crosses willingly.  
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
Forsake me not! I trust your Word.**

***Please stand.***

**3 Lord, let at last your angels come;  
To Abram's bosom bear me home  
That I may die unfearing.  
And in its narrow chamber keep  
My body safe in peaceful sleep  
Until your reappearing.  
And then from death awaken me  
That my own eyes with joy may see,  
O Son of God, your glorious face,  
My Savior and my Fount of grace.  
Lord Jesus Christ, My prayer attend, my prayer attend,  
And I will praise you without end.**

P The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**+ + + Confession of Sins + + +**

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me**

**according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

*A moment of silence for personal meditation.*

## **Absolution**

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you the strength to live according to his will.

**C Amen.**

**+ + + Prayer and Praise + + +**

P In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ns. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him." The score ends with a double bar line.

+ + + **Prayer of the Day** + + +

P Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul. We ask these things through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Please be seated.*

+ + + **The Word** + + +

**First Lesson - Jeremiah 26:8-15**

*Jeremiah knew the path the Lord called him to walk – calling the nation to repent- might get him killed. In love for the Lord and for his nation, Jeremiah walked that path willingly.*

<sup>8</sup>When Jeremiah had finished saying everything the LORD had commanded him to say to all the people, then the priests, the prophets, and all the people seized him and said, "You must die! <sup>9</sup>Why do you prophesy in the name of the

LORD that this house will be like Shiloh and that this city will be desolate with no one living here?" All the people crowded around Jeremiah in the House of the LORD.

<sup>10</sup>When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they came up from the king's house to the House of the LORD and sat in the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's house.

<sup>11</sup>Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death because he has been prophesying against this city, as you heard with your own ears."

<sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and to all the people, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the things that you have heard.

<sup>13</sup>Now reform your ways and your actions, and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring about the disaster he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup>But as for me, look, I am in your hands. Do with me whatever seems good and right in your eyes. <sup>15</sup>But you can be certain of this. If you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live here, for it is true that the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.

P The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day – Psalm 42

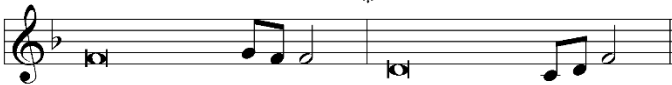
*Psalm 42 is a prayer psalm. The writer laments the sorrow of his heart. It seems that God is angry with him and has afflicted him. He wants to go to God's house and hear God's Word, which comforts him. Luther.*

### *Refrain*



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

### *Psalm tone*



### *Refrain*

**As the deer pants for streams of water,  
so my soul pants for you, O God.**

**My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.  
Where can I go and meet with God?**

**Why are you downcast, O my soul?  
Why so disturbed within me?**

**Put your hope in God,  
for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.**

### *Refrain*

**Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide  
me;**



**let them bring me to the place where you dwell.**

**Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and my  
delight.**

**I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.**

**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.**

### ***Refrain***

## **Second Lesson - Philippians 3:17-4:1**

*Paul explains that being a follower of Jesus means that our path in life will resemble his. Paul encourages us to not try and take detours as we journey toward heaven.*

<sup>17</sup>Brothers, join together in imitating me and in paying attention to those who are walking according to the pattern we gave you. <sup>18</sup>To be sure, many walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. I told you about them often, and now I am saying it while weeping. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction, their god is their appetite, and their glory is in their shame. They are thinking only about earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven. We are eagerly waiting for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>By the power that enables him to subject all things to himself, he will transform our humble bodies to be like his glorious body.

<sup>1</sup>So then, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way keep standing firm in the Lord, my dear friends.

P The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as we prepare for the Gospel reading.*

### **Gospel Acclamation - from Philippians 2**

P Being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself

**C by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!**

### **Gospel - Luke 13:31-35**

*The Pharisees offer Jesus a detour around danger and a shortcut to safety. But Jesus was determined to continue down the path he was on for us and our salvation.*

In that very hour, some Pharisees came to him and said, "Leave, and go away from here, because Herod wants to kill you."

<sup>32</sup>He said to them, "Go tell that fox, 'Look, I am going to drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal. <sup>33</sup>Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the next day, because it cannot be that a prophet would be killed outside Jerusalem!'

<sup>34</sup>"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! How often I have wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you will say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

P The Gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

## Hymn – *My Song Is Love Unknown*

CW110

**1 My song is love unknown,  
My Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown  
That they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I  
That for my sake  
My Lord should take  
Frail flesh and die?**

**2 He came from his blest throne  
Salvation to bestow,  
But such disdain! So few  
The longed-for Christ would know!  
But oh, my friend,**

**My friend indeed,  
Who at my need  
His life did spend!**

**3 Sometimes they strew his way  
And his sweet praises sing,  
Resounding all the day  
Hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!"  
Is all their breath,  
And for his death  
They thirst and cry.**

**4 Why? What has my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run;  
He gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries!  
Yet they at these  
Themselves displease  
And 'gainst him rise.**

**5 They rise and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away.  
A murderer they save;  
The Prince of life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he  
To suff'ring goes  
That he his foes  
From death might free.**

**6 In life no house, no home  
My Lord on earth might have;**

**In death no friendly tomb  
But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heav'n was his home  
But mine the tomb  
Wherein he lay.**

**7 Here might I stay and sing;  
No story so divine,  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend!**

**Sermon – Philippians 3:14-4:1**

***Our Citizenship is in Heaven***

**+ + + Our Joyful Thanksgiving + + +**

**Our Confession of Faith – The 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.**

**1 I'm but a stranger here; Heav'n is my home.**

**Earth is a desert drear; Heav'n is my home.**

**Danger and sorrow stand Round me on ev'ry hand.**

**Heav'n is my fatherland; Heav'n is my home.**

**2 What though the tempest rage, Heav'n is my home.**

**Short is my pilgrimage; Heav'n is my home.**

**And time's wild, wintry blast Soon shall be overpast;**

**I shall reach home at last; Heav'n is my home.**

**3 There at my Savior's side -- Heav'n is my home.--**

**I shall be glorified; Heav'n is my home.**

**There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best,**

**And there, I, too, shall rest; Heav'n is my home.**

**4 Therefore I murmur not; Heav'n is my home.**

**Whate'er my earthly lot, Heav'n is my home.**

**And I shall surely stand There at my Lord's right hand.**

**Heav'n is my Fatherland; Heav'n is my home.**

*Please stand.*

### **Prayer of the Church**

**P** Remember this congregation of your Church, O Lord,  
which you have purchased with the holy blood of your  
Son.

**C** **Strengthen and defend all pastors and church  
workers, giving them every good gift as they attend  
to your people.**

P Remember us in a world convulsed by the wages of sin.

**C As we watch nations falter, remind us that our eternal citizenship is in heaven with our Lord Jesus Christ, who will subject all things to himself.**

P As we watch our own bodies fail, remind us that Christ will transform our lowly bodies to be like his glorious body.

**C Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P Remember the households of this congregation, O Lord.

**C Provide help and companionship to those who live alone, and foster love between husbands and wives, parents and children, that our homes would be places of refuge while here and a foretaste of our heavenly home.**

P Remember our nation and those you have placed in authority, O Lord.

**C Give them wisdom and integrity, and grant that neither they nor the citizens of our land would hinder your Church or despise your call to repentance.**

P O Lord, remember the sick and afflicted.

**C Deliver them for the sake of Christ, who cast out demons and performed cures on his way to the cross.**

P Strengthen our faith to hold fast to Christ, who rose again to raise us also.



**C Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers. -- *Silent prayers.* --**

P Remember us, O Lord, for the sake of your Son, who suffered the reproach of mankind as he bore our sins to the cross.

**C Strengthen us gladly to bear reproach in your name and declare your salvation.**

P All these things and whatever else you know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, our Lord Jesus, who taught us to pray ...

### ***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.**

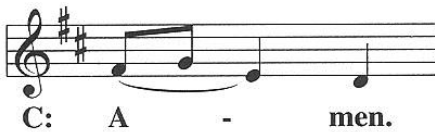
**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are your now and forever. Amen!**

### **Closing Prayer**

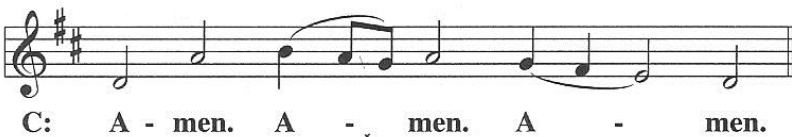
P Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy

Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith. Guide us in holiness. Comfort us in life and in death. We ask these things through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P Brothers and sisters, go in peace.  
Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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 + give you peace.



*Please be seated.*

## Hymn – *Jerusalem, My Happy Home*

CW215

**1 Jerusalem, my happy home,  
When shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end?  
Thy joys when shall I see?**

**2 When shall these eyes thy heav'n-built walls  
And pearly gates behold,  
Thy bulwarks with salvation strong  
And streets of shining gold?**

**3 Oh, when, thou city of my God,  
Shall I thy courts ascend?  
Where evermore the angels sing,  
The Sabbath has no end.**

**4 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there  
Around my Savior stand,  
And soon my friends in Christ below  
Will join the glorious band.**

**5 O Christ, do thou my soul prepare  
For that bright home of love  
That I may see thee and adore  
With all thy saints above.**

### **Words of thanks –**

- to Pastor Andy Schroeder for leading us in worship. Pastor Schroeder is the campus pastor at our California Lutheran High School in Wildomar.
- to Al Todd for operating the music in our worship
- to Jim Everson for keeping the Streaming system working

## **Looking ahead –**

- following worship fellowship opportunity to visit with Pastor Schroeder and talk about the high school

Next Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – worship 9:30am

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