

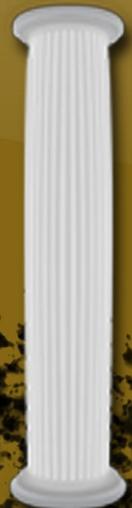
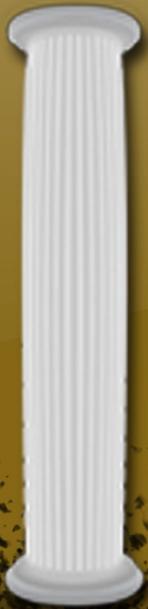


GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH • SCHOOL

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

APRIL 2, 2022 - 5:00 PM

APRIL 3, 2022 - 10:45 AM



THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

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THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Psalm 23:4 (KJV)

Psalm 23 is a microcosm of a journey from despair and loneliness to everlasting joy and comfort. In the span of three verses, we are taken from the darkest valley to the ultimate destination of our faith, **The House of the Lord**.

This Lenten 5-part series takes us through both Psalm 23 and the book of Revelation, where we will experience both Christ's 40-day journey to the crucifixion, as well as the promises of the heavenly kingdom that we hear in John's apocalyptic account.

Week 5 - The House of the Lord

In many ways, the entire Christian journey is summarized in the final parable of Luke's gospel. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. The son of a vineyard owner went to reclaim his land and was killed by the tending farmers, who by doing so reaped their own destruction. The earthly man who will soon be rejected, maligned, tried, tortured, and killed will allow these things to be done to himself to save all of humanity. This sacrifice ensures Jesus becomes the Rock of our faith, the church's one foundation, and solidifies our place in the heavenly kingdom.

The heavenly kingdom, which after five weeks, is fully formed in Revelation. The holy city Jerusalem, descended from heaven, has twelve gates with twelve angels at each gate with the twelve sons of Israel inscribed on each. The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of Jesus, the cornerstones of the church. The final glory revealed by the angel is the river of life, flowing from the throne of God through the middle of the city, and the aforementioned tree of life (see week 3) bearing 12 kinds of fruit with leaves that heal the nations. The Lord God will be our light, from this time forth and forevermore. This is the promise of Easter. The book of Revelation gives us the final vision of the Lenten journey of Jesus' temptation, preaching, persecution, and execution. We will dwell with God, God will wipe every tear from our eyes, and night will be no more. We will need no light of lamp or sun, for Christ will be our all. Eden has been restored.

*(The * indicates when the congregation is to stand.)*

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS VIDEO

WELCOME

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "The Church's One Foundation"

Hymn 644

(Stand and face the cross as it enters the Sanctuary.)

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

*THE INVOCATION, OPENING LITANY AND CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord is my Shepherd, I lack nothing.

People: But Lord, we are consumed with wanting more.

Pastor: He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside still waters, He refreshes my soul.

People: But Lord, we allow our souls to be drained of Your life-giving water.

Pastor: He guides me along the right paths for His name's sake.
People: **But Lord, we often stray from Your path to follow our own.**

Pastor: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff they comfort me.
People: **But Lord, we are afraid, and struggle to find our way.**

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
People: **But Lord, we don't always find our seat, forgive us and guide us on the paths of Your righteousness.**

Pastor: Surely Your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
People: **Forgive us Lord, and lead us into Your heavenly kingdom.**

Pastor: In our darkest valleys we need not fear. The Lord is with us, He shelters us in His loving arms where no harm will come to us. God will wipe every tear from our eyes. The Lamb of God has taken away the sins of the world, and one day we will be reunited with him in everlasting peace.
People: **Amen.**

***SONG OF RESPONSE** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" *Hymn 805*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Revelation 21:9-14, 22:1-5

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed-- ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the

city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:1-10

¹For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; ⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

*THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 20:9-20

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁹And he 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. ¹⁰When 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. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they

said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' ¹⁵ And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" ¹⁷ 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'?" ¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

[10:45] CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*SERMON HYMN

"Built on the Rock"

Hymn 645

**Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.**

**Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.**

**We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.**

**Here stands the font before our eyes, Telling how God has received us.
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.**

**Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing:
“I know My own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen.”**

THE SERMON

“The End of the World as We Know It” Rev. 21:9-14, 22:1-5

***PROFESSION OF FAITH - 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.**

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION

***WORDS OF PREPARATION**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*LORD'S PRAYER

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
forever and ever. Amen.

*AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

“Christ, the Life of All the Living” (vv. 1, 3-4, 7)

Hymn 420

**Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff’rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

**Thou hast borne the smiting only That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring, Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

**Heartless scoffers did surround Thee, Treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee. All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,
That as Thine Thou mightest own me And with heav’nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

**Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.**

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

Hymn 575

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name. Refrain**

Refrain

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev’ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain***

His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! *Refrain*

“When Peace, like a River”

Hymn 763

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

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

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

***THE BENEDICTION** (Numbers 6:24-26)

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Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"
(vv. 1-2, 4-5)

Hymn 811

Oh, that I had a thousand voices To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be, What great things God has done for me.

O all you pow'rs that He implanted, Arise, keep silence now no more;
Put forth the strength that God has granted! Your noblest work is to adore.
O soul and body, join to raise With heartfelt joy our Maker's praise.

All creatures that have breath and motion, That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,
Come, share with me my heart's devotion, Help me to sing God's praises high.
My utmost pow'rs can never quite Declare the wonders of His might.
Creator, humbly I implore You To listen to my earthly song
Until that day when I adore You, Together with the angel throng
And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing Eternal anthems to my King.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"O That I Had a Thousand Voices"

arr. Paul Manz

WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

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The Organist

The Communion Deacons

The Lector

The Usher/Greeter Team

The Rev. Brendon T. Moore

Sandy Hulse

Krista Bernthal, Matt Bernthal

Roger Walker

Jim Campbell, Linda Davy

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

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The Celebrant/Liturgist

The Organist/Choir Director

The Sound Technician

The Elder on Duty

The Communion Deacons

The Lectors

The Robing Leader

The Crucifer

The Acolytes

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