

AN LCMS CONGREGATION

April 6, 2025 9:00am Worship



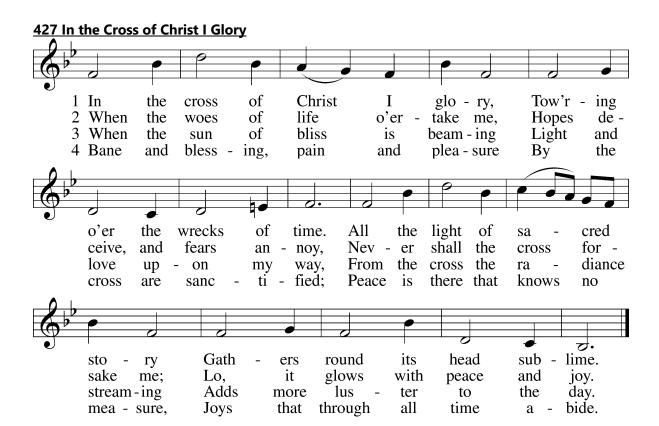
Do you want to leave, too?

(Pastor Ben)

What do we do with the hard teachings of Jesus?

5th Sunday in Lent - April 6, 2025 9:00am Order of Worship That's a Great Question: Do you want to leave, too?

Prelude / Welcome



Invocation & Confession

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **©** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- 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.
- C Amen.

Passing of the Peace







Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C 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. Amen.

First Lesson

Psalm 73:1-3, 23-28

- ¹ Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.
- ² But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold.
- ³ For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
- ²³ Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.
- ²⁴ You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.
- ²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you?

 And earth has nothing I desire besides you.
- ²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
- ²⁷ Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you.
- ²⁸ But as for me, it is good to be near God.

 I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge;
 I will tell of all your deeds.

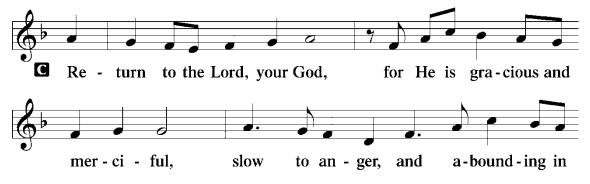
Second Lesson

2 Timothy 4:9-18

- ⁹ Do your best to come to me quickly, ¹⁰ for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. ¹² I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³ When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.
- ¹⁴ Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. ¹⁵ You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.
- ¹⁶ At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. ¹⁷ But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

(Please Stand)







Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel, according to St John the 6th chapter.



John 6:66-69

- ⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.
- ⁶⁷ "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.
- ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C We believe in one God,

the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth

and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and

the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

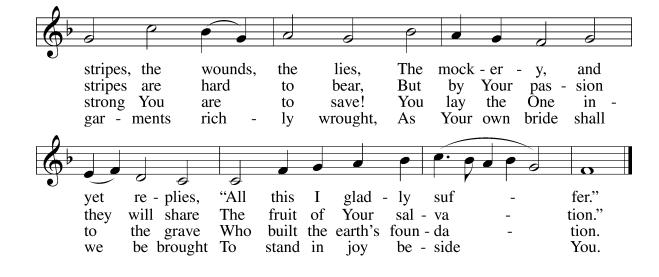
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please Sit)





Message That's a Great Question: Do you want to leave, too?

Video / Offering

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(Please Stand)

Announcements

Prayer of the Church

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

O Lord, Your Son spoke the truth even as many sought to trap Him in His words and deliver Him up to death. Rescue Your people from fear, and grant them courage to confess the truth, assuring them of deliverance in time of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, You gave Your Son to be rejected by sinners, that we may be welcomed into Your kingdom. Preserve Your Church in this life won by Christ, crucified and risen. Give faithfulness to the preaching of Your Word and the administration of Your Sacraments, and let Your people receive these gifts with penitence and faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, salvation belongs to You. Your blessing be on Your people. Endow parents with every good gift to teach their children Your ways, that they may live in the confidence of Your grace and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, You shield us and lift our heads. Provide for us civil authorities who discourage evil and encourage good, but keep us ever mindful that our hope is in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, show Your compassion to all who suffer in our midst. Remind them continually of Your benefits, forgive all their iniquities, heal all their diseases and crown them with steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, St. Paul counted all things as rubbish in order that he might gain Christ. Give us repentant hearts, that we would abandon all confidence in our flesh and so receive Your Son's body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

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
forever and ever. Amen.

The Communion Liturgy ~ Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** 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.

Proper Preface & Prayer of Thanksgiving

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who gave His life as a ransom for many and cleansed our hearts, that we might be prepared to joyfully celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. For you have Gathered us together, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

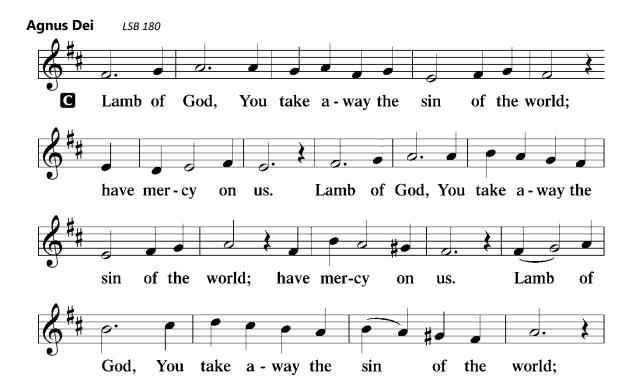
Sanctus God of Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth full of Your Ho - san - na in the high glo est. ry. He Bless - ed is who comes the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high est.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

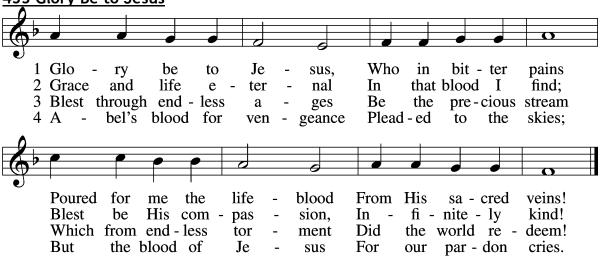
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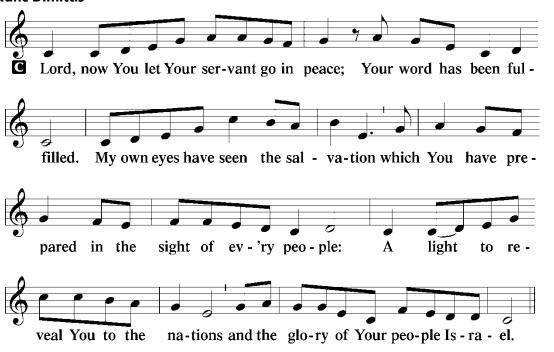




5 Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood; Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

Nunc Dimittis





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 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.
- C Amen.

Benediction

- 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.
- C Amen.

