March 19, 2023 Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:30 ям



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Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing The Good News of Jesus' Love and Forgiveness. March 19, 2023 4th Sunday in Lent

Greeting:



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Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now CW93 230 (CW21 918) Stz 1-4

Confession and Absolution

- L: 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.
- L: O Lord, open my lips
- C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.
- L: Hasten to save me, O God.
- C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.
- L: You are the King of heaven and earth.
- C: We give you praise and thanks. Alleluia!
- L: 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.
- All: 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.
- L: 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 strength to live according to his will.

C: AMEN

- L: Come, let us sing to the Lord,
- C: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
- L: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving,
- C: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.
- L: For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods. The deep places of the earth are in his hand;
- C: The heights of the hills are also his,
- L: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God,
- C: We are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. AMEN

Prayer of the Day

- L: God of hope, send the Holy Spirit to fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may throw off the cares that disturb us and come into your presence to praise you with our whole being; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.

The First Lesson:

Hosea 5:14 & 15, 6:1–3

¹⁴ "For I will be like a lion to Ephraim, like a great lion to Judah. I will tear them to pieces and go away; I will carry them off, with no one to rescue them.

¹⁵ Then I will go back to my place until they admit their guilt. And they will seek my face; in their misery they will earnestly seek me."

^{6:1} "Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds.

² After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence.

³ Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth." This is the Word of our God.

CW93 Psalm 42-43



As the deer pants for streams of <u>wa</u>ter,* so my soul pants for <u>you</u>, O God.

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

Why are you downcast, <u>O</u> my soul?* Why so disturbed with<u>in</u> me?

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

Refrain

Send forth your light and your truth, let them <u>guide</u> me;* let them bring me to the place <u>where</u> you dwell.

Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and <u>my</u> delight.* I will praise you with the harp, O <u>God</u>, my God.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

2nd Lesson:

Romans 8:1–10 (NIV 84)

¹ There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

³ For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.

⁵ Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

⁶ The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;⁷ the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. This is the Word of the Lord.

Hymn: Jesus, I My Cross Have TakenCW93 465 (CW21 694) Stz 1-4

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L: ¹⁷ Now as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside and said to them, ¹⁸ "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death ¹⁹ and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!"

 20 Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. 21 "What is it you want?" he asked. She said,

- C: "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."
- L: ²² "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" they answered,

C: "We can."

L: ²³ Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."

²⁴ When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers.

²⁵ Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!



Hymn: God Loved the World So that He Gave...... CW₉₃ 391 (CW₂₁ 570) Stz 1–4

Sermon:

The Lord Is With Us

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Apostles' Creed: (together we confess)

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

Prayers: Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Christ Jesus our Lord who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer: (traditional)

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!

L: 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.

C: Amen

Hymn: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice.....CW₉₃ 377 (CW₂₁ 557) Stz 1



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While Pastor Trimmer is attending his cousin's wedding, let us thank Mark Fostervold for leading worship on Wednesday March 15th and 22nd. We also thank Paul Taylor for leading worship this morning and Matthew Wolf for delivering the sermon.

Hand Bell Practice each Sunday at 10:30am



Looking Ahead

Date		Time	Streaming	Music	Usher #1	Comm.
March						
Sun Lent 4	<mark>19</mark>	9:30 AM	Mark F	Jessica O	Bob B	
Wed Lent 4	<mark>22</mark>	7:00 PM	Dan M	Jessica O	Dan M	
Sun Lent 5	<mark>26</mark>	9:30 AM	Megan K	HymnSoft	Scott S	Dan M
Wed Lent 5	<mark>29</mark>	7:00 PM	Jessica O	Paul T	Bob P	

March 2023, Birthdays and Anniversaries

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2023 Cleaning Volunteers for Both the Church and the Fellowship Hall Cleaning may be done any day or time during the week on or preceding the date indicated below. Thank you.

April	1	Meister Family
April	15	K. Kellner, P. Taylor, C. Rogers



Heritage Circuit Announcements

Please join us after worship on **March 19, 2023** in the fellowship hall for a brief presentation. Jessica Orth will share her experience attending the national convention in Rochester, NY in June 2022. You are encouraged to attend the next national convention in La Cross, WI **June 23-25, 2023**.

Please contact Jessica Orth (jorthx@gmail.com or 443.750.2934) with any questions.



Voting for <u>Heritage Circuit 2023 Mission Projects</u> will take place after church on **Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023**. A ballot describing selections for Home Missions and World Missions is included in the worship folder. Please contact Ellen Cammarata (jecamm@comcast.net or 410.529.6292) or Jessica Orth (jorthx@gmail.com or 443.750.2934) with your selected mission projects if you are

unable to vote in person on April 2.



Donations for the 2023 Spring Rally can be made online at <u>https://donorbox.org/lwms-spring-rally-2023</u> or by scanning the QR code. Online donors will be asked to select which fund they are donating to, and to enter the church they belong to, so we are still able to track total amounts by church. Each fund donation needs to be made in a separate transaction (in other words, if you would like to donate to both the mission fund and the send-one-sister fund, for example, you will need to make two separate

donations). Payment can be made using Apple Pay, Google Pay, PayPal, Venmo, credit/debit card, or ACH. You will also be asked to cover the processing fees for the donation, but this is optional. Donations made online are deposited directly into our circuit's bank account.

<u>Donations made by check are welcome as always</u>! Please send these to Paul Taylor by <mark>Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023</mark>. Donations can also be brought to the rally.



Save the Date

Heritage Circuit Spring Rally April 29, 2023 - Resurrection, Chesapeake, VA Please join us for the Heritage Circuit Spring rally in Chesapeake, VA on April 29, 2023. Please contact Ellen Cammarata (<u>jecamm@comcast.net</u> or 410.529.6292) or Jessica Orth (<u>jorthx@gmail.com</u> or 443.750.2934) with any questions.



Heritage Circuit Congregational 2023 Mission Projects Ballot



Home Missions – please choose one (1)

HM -2022-07: Kids Summer Bible Camps

Kids summer Bible camps can sometimes cost more than traditional vacation Bible schools because these camps focus on music, sports, art, or other types of activities. The overall goal is to provide an opportunity to share the gospel with children. Your gifts will provide funds for home mission churches to offer a kids summer Bible camp, which will help them reach out to children and their families in their communities.

JMC -2022-03: Sudanese Outreach

At least eight different congregations in North America are ministering to South Sudanese refugees in their communities. Many South Sudanese men are stepping into leadership roles and taking classes through the Pastoral Studies Institute to become pastors of their local Sudanese congregation. They are also reaching back to South Sudanese refugee camps in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Uganda with the gospel message. Your gift will support current Sudanese ministries as well as future ministry expansion.

World Missions – please choose one (1)

WM-2022-16: Chinese Outreach Project

This fund supports the work of church-planting in East Asia. While attending ALS, students must begin sharing the gospel and gathering new converts into small Chinese groups. Through a mentoring process and further theological education, these students work to grow their groups into self-sustaining congregations. Funds are used to provide full-time Chinese mentors, online training, and travel for face-to-face meetings with mentors. Occasional limited support is given to students who are unable to work at a paying job while studying and working to grow their group into a self-supporting congregation.

WM-2022-18: Europe Special Prejects

WELS World Missions conducts gospel outreach throughout Europe, partnering to share Christ's grace in Russia, Albania, Bulgaria, and Ukraine while supporting sister church bodies in seven additional European countries. The focus of European mission work is changing. Instead of leading congregations, our missionary is focusing on equipping and training national pastors to lead their own congregations and facilitating continuing education for our national church partners, many of whom are tent ministers who preach and teach on weekends and support themselves with secular work during the week. Funds are needed to help cover transportation costs for guest lecturers and students, and to help those tent ministers attend continuing education classes.

Congregation Name: