

I WANT TO KNOW
CHRIST
- yes, to know the
POWER OF HIS
RESURRECTION

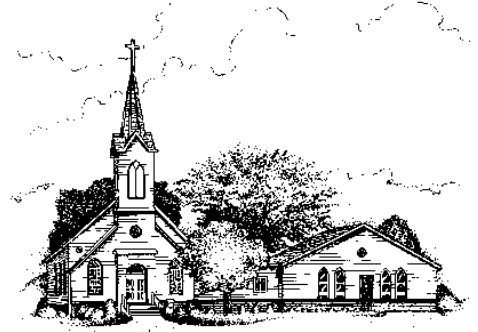
Philippians 3:10, NIV

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Welcome to God's House

This week we see how our Father makes the treasures of his house available to any and all. He places them in the last place we'd expect—the trash. In God's family, the things the world prizes and pursues are counted as worthless. Conversely, what the world rejects and discards is considered priceless and worth pursuing.

The best example of this is Jesus Christ himself. The Father sent his greatest treasure—God the Son—to earth. Many considered Jesus trash that needed to be taken out. . . a troublemaker that needed to be killed. In truth, Christ is the precious cornerstone that God used to build his house, the one with the open door.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #407

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a tribute far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession of Sins

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶ This is what the Lord says—

he who made a way through the sea,

a path through the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who drew out the chariots and horses,
the army and reinforcements together,
and they lay there, never to rise again,
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:

¹⁸ “Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.

¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.

²⁰ The wild animals honor me,
the jackals and the owls,
because I provide water in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland,
to give drink to my people, my chosen,
²¹ the people I formed for myself
that they may proclaim my praise.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

My Feet Had Almost Slipped - Psalm 73C



1 My feet had al - most slipped; I near - ly lost my hold when
2 My sanc - tu - ar - y sure, my por - tion and my rest, the
3 My flesh and heart may fail but God is still my strength; his



wick - ed lies were on the lips of ar - ro - gant and bold.
LORD re - mains my hope se - cure, the ref - uge of the blest.
prom - is - es will soon pre - vail and o - ver - come at length.



Their un - re - pent - ant mouths caused mis - er - y and fears un -
His pres - ence cheers my soul, his right hand holds me fast; he
Whom have I, LORD, but you? I turn my eyes from earth and



til I en - tered God's own house and wiped a - way my tears.
guides my path with his con - trol, takes me to heav'n at last.
seek those things which, good and true, a - lone have price - less worth.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I

consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:22

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
Glory, praise, and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

Luke 20:9-19

⁹ He went on to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. ¹⁰ At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. ¹² He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

¹³ “Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my son,

whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.’

¹⁴ “But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. ‘This is the heir,’ they said. ‘Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ ¹⁵ So 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 kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.”

When the people heard this, they said, “God forbid!”

¹⁷ Jesus looked directly at them and asked, “Then what is the meaning of that which is written:

“‘The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone’?”

¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

¹⁹ The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

In the Cross of Christ I Glory #529



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
ceive and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, from the cross the ra - diance
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no



sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Sermon

Philippians 3:4b-14

Please stand

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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Mighty Lord, you have transformed us by the power of your Word and Spirit and have built us into your church with your Son Jesus Christ as the chief cornerstone.

Lord, you are the strength of our hearts. **You are our portion forever.**

Strengthen our faith and confidence in you, that in good times or bad we may always press on toward your heavenly goal in Christ Jesus.

Lord, you are the strength of our hearts. **You are our portion forever.**

Teach us to count everything else a loss compared to knowing Christ Jesus our Lord. Fill us with zeal to be messengers of your grace that we give faithful witness to your goodness in our words and actions.

Lord, you are the strength of our hearts. **You are our portion forever.**

Direct all who have been elected to positions in all levels of government. Help them carry out the duties entrusted to them that they govern for the good of your people and the advancement of your kingdom.

Lord, you are the strength of our hearts. **You are our portion forever.**

Your Son Jesus knew suffering and he offered up prayers and petitions to you, Father. Strengthen those who suffer injustice, who are being treated badly by others, falsely accused or suffer for no reason of their own.

Lord, you are the strength of our hearts. **You are our portion forever.**

Work all things for the good of your people, especially those who suffer hardship, loss and illness, [especially...]. Hold your heavenly goal before them, that they may forget the things that are behind and strive toward the things that are ahead.

Lord, you are the strength of our hearts. **You are our portion forever.**

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you the prayers from the depths of our hearts.

Silent prayers and special intercessions may follow

Merciful and eternal God, you did not spare your only Son but gave him up for us all that he might bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in him that we may not fear any trouble; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offering

The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

Hymn Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness #573:1-2, 5-6

Jesus, your blood and righteousness my beauty are, my glorious dress;
mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in that great day; who can a word against me say?
Fully absolved through these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

When from the dust of death I rise to claim my mansion in the skies,
this then shall be my only plea: Jesus has lived and died for me.

Jesus, be worshiped endlessly! Your boundless mercy has for me, for me and all your hands have made, an everlasting ransom paid.

Prayer

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, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Blessing

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.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head #861:1, 3

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's head, you are her one foundation;

in you she trusts, before you bows, and waits for your salvation.
Built on this rock secure, your Church shall endure
though all the world decay and all things pass away.

O hear, O hear us, Jesus!

Help us to serve you evermore with hearts both pure and lowly;
and may your Word, that light divine, shine on in splendor holy
that we repentance show, in faith ever grow;
the pow'r of sin destroy and evils that annoy.

O make us faithful Christians.

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This Week at Zion

Today:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible study
	6:00 p.m.	Teen Online Bible Study
Mon:	6:30 p.m.	Sunday School Teacher meeting
	7:00 p.m.	KML General Board meeting
Tue:	12:00 p.m.	OWLS Meeting
	2:30 p.m.	KM Gardens Devotion, Kewaskum
Wed:	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship
Thu:	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Fri:	5:00 p.m.	Zion at Lighthouse Youth Center, Milwaukee
	5:00 p.m.	KML Family Music Fest
Sat:	9:00 a.m.	Catechism instructions
	10:00 a.m.	WELS Historical Institute Presentation at Salem, MKE
Sun:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible study
	7:00 p.m.	Laudate Dominum Concert at St. Matthew's, Oconomowoc

In Our Prayers Herbie Justman, who moved to The Pavilion in Slinger for rehab after a partial hip replacement last week; also Bruce Braun, recovering at home from pneumonia and undergoing some additional testing.

Lenten Worship Join us this Wednesday for our final midweek Lenten service at 7:00 p.m. We'll welcome Pastor Mike Woldt from David's Star in Jackson, who will lead us in worship as we focus on

Easter Lilies Help beautify the church on Easter Sunday with an Easter lily this year. Fill out a sheet from the cabinets and return it to the Ladies'

Aid box (top center) You can make checks payable to Zion Ladies' Aid. **The deadline to order is today!**

Easter Breakfast Signup You'll find a signup sheet on the bulletin board for food / drink items needed for our Easter breakfast this year. Please check the board and sign up for an item or two. Thank you!

Work Day If you've driven around the church property / cemetery lately, you know there is plenty of work to do when the weather warms up. Please save April 26th on your calendar to join us in an outdoor / indoor workday to do some much - needed spring cleaning and keep God's house and property here at Zion looking good.

Thanks to all who planned and organized a couple of great events in the past two weeks: last Friday the Projects and Pizza Night and last night the bags tournament.

WELS Connection In this month's video, learn more about how WELS is reaching out with the gospel in one of its newest world mission fields: Australia.

Holy Week Devotions *The Foolishness of the Cross* is the latest devotion book from Martin Luther College. It contains a devotion for each day of Holy Week, April 13-20, written by MLC faculty. It's available online. Go to www.mlc-wels.edu/, scroll down and sign up by clicking on the "Holy Week Devotions" link.

Pick up the new April calendars, *Forward in Christ* and church newsletters from the cabinets in the entryway.

OWLS Meeting The next meeting of Flyway OWLS will be this Tuesday, April 8, beginning at 12:00 noon at the Lomira Community Center (425 Water Street, Lomira). A catered meal will be provided...if you could bring a dessert, that would be appreciated. Please contact Bill Vilski at (920) 539-0662 or vilski310@yahoo.com today if you plan on attending so we can

make food plans. Our speaker will be Pastor Curt Seefeldt, retired Director of Church Relations for the Lutheran Home Association. His presentation is entitled: "It's Alzheimer's" – It's Time for Extraordinary Love.

WELS 175th Anniversary Dinner The WELS Historical Institute cordially invites you to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod at a dinner at Salem Lutheran Church and School. The original constitution for the WELS was adopted on May 26, 1850. That adoption took place at the first synod convention, held in a small log cabin church at Salem Lutheran Church in Granville (about 30 miles SE of here). We invite you back to birthplace of the Wisconsin Synod on May 28th to celebrate God's grace to our church body. The WELS Museum will be open beginning at 4:00 p.m. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. at Salem Lutheran Church with a program on the history of the WELS to follow. Tickets for the event are \$50 / person. Go to www.welshistoricalinstitute.org and click on the 175th Anniversary dinner link.