

St. Luke 20:17b

“What then is this that is written:

The Stone that the builders rejected has become the
cornerstone?”



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 6, 2025

Holy Communion 11:00 am

Prelude

*The Processional Hymn *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (ELW) No. 759

*The Confession and Forgiveness (ELW) page 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*The Apostolic Greeting (ELW) page 138

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*The Kyrie (*sung response*) (ELW) page 138

P:, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: Almighty God, look favorably upon Your family. Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the world, and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize Your love. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 126

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

²Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

³The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!

⁵Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

⁶He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

(ELW) page 142

**C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words
of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

* The Gospel

Luke 20:9-20

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (sung after announcement of the Gospel)

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (sung after conclusion of the Gospel)

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

*The Hymn of the Day

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

(ELW) No. 338

*The Apostle's 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
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third
day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from
thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of
Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection (+) of the body,
and the Life everlasting. Amen.**

*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

*The Offertory *Create in Me a Clean Heart* (SBH) No. 27

* The Great Thanksgiving (ELW) page 144

*The Lord's Prayer

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.

Lamb of God (ELW) page 146

The Distribution

Communion Hymn *I Am The Bread of Life* (ELW) No. 485

Prayer/Blessing

Announcements

*The Benediction (sung response)

C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

*The Recessional Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (ELW) No. 803

*The Dismissal (response)

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Matthew Cimino, Organist and Music Director

The flowers on the Chancel are given to the glory of God by Kim and Rich Luketich in honor of Jonathan's birthday and in celebration of his promotion to Captain in the U.S. Army. A donation was made to the Restoration Fund.

The Lay Reader is Kimberly Grew.

Acolytes are Lillah and Elijah Clark.

Counters today are J. Black and R. Williams.

Welcome to our Visitors! The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church?

Please contact Pastor Grewe.

Nursery: We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs of infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

The Flower Chart for 2025 is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2025. Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2025. Please sign up.

Please pray for those in need of healing:

Isaac Christian, the Pollana family, Sylvia Sunstrum, Tyler, Danielle Sherman, Amy Verderber, Lou Mayne, Judy, Brooke, Debbie, Sayward, Jim H., Linnese, Donna B., Karen John. Neil Bassi, Phyllis Daniels, Beckie Wood, Bridgette, Alex Houck, Stacy Carroll, Rhonda Hendrickson, Ron Erdmann & Belinda, Wilda Dirbi, James, Lori Mauer, Budd Platts, Mark V., John, Ed Dupas, Sandy Salerno, the Gavazzi family, Janelle Henderson, Rex Gibson, Pat Dupas, Gwen Roberts, Judy Domrowsky, Tammy, Cheyenne Walker, Judi, Lenny & Sandy, Larry Downing, Carol Cancelmi, Amanda Laib, Sandy Hebrank, Jennifer Sasek, Larry Zimmerman, Jean Shearer, Elizabeth, Phyllis, Joe Kern, Lisa Wilds, Julia Jeffcoat, Richard Hager, Rob, John, Terri Newton, Holly Hiser, Shari Kienzle, Susan Westcott, Eric Fritz, Terry Jurkovsky, Karen Dawson, Judd Lacko, Cadence, Sandy Mannsman, Robyn Cameron, Ian, Isaiah, and Alecia, Nettie Walsh and her parents and family, Greg Mason, Joanne Reck, Kenny and Josh, Paula, and Klaus and Mel Behrens.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

PA Mental health support and referral line

1-855-284-2494

WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

1-877-225-3567

WASHINGTON COUNTY BHDS LINE

724-228-6832

SCOTT BERRY DIRECT LINE

724-250-4079 (FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY)

FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

Sober House Living

724-228-2203

Turning Point at Washington

Adult Catechism class is on Tuesday at 11 am and 7 pm. We are discussing the book we read over the summer. All are welcome. We look forward to you joining us in our discussion.

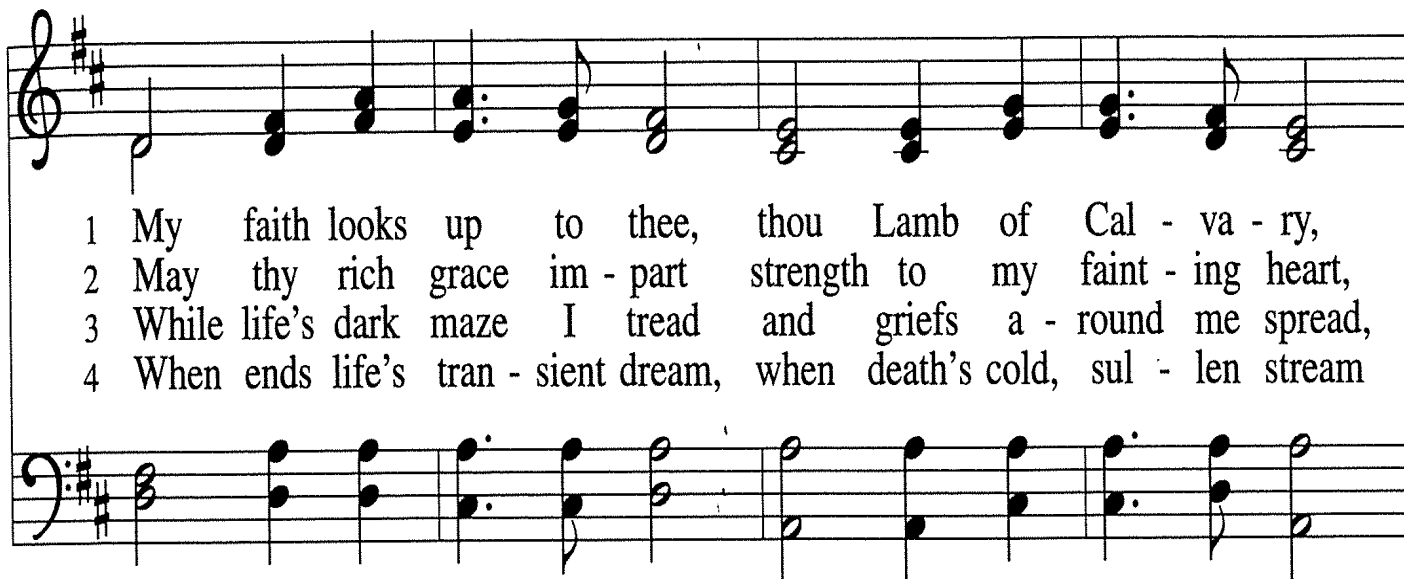
Adult Sunday School is held before our Church Service starting at 9:45 am in the church library. Come join us.

Bell Choir rehearsal is Thursday at 7:00 pm. We would love for you to join us. Please see Kris Briggs if you are interested, kbrgs1@gmail.com. All are welcome.

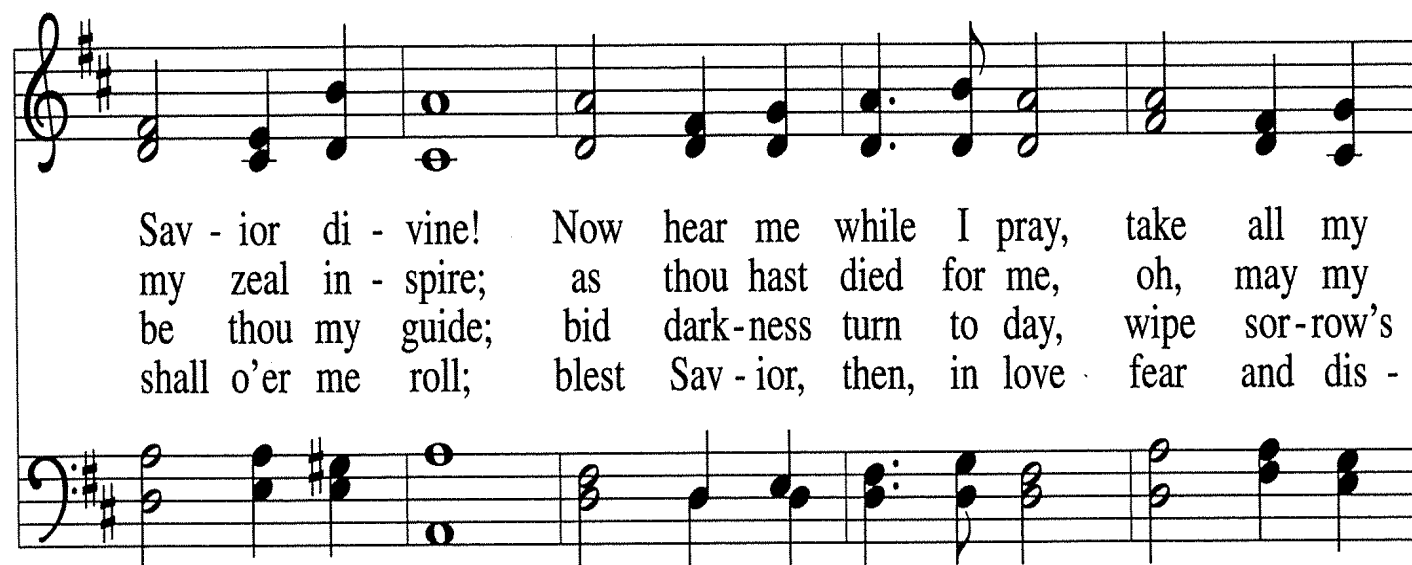
Chess Club meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. All are welcome from beginners to experienced.

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

The Communion

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -

The first system of musical notation for 'The Communion'. It consists of a treble and a bass staff, both in a key of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -' are written below the notes.

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

The second system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics 'new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -' are written below the notes.

way from thy pres - ence: and take not thy Ho - ly

The third system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics 'way from thy pres - ence: and take not thy Ho - ly' are written below the notes.

Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of

The fourth system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics 'Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of' are written below the notes.

thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it.

The fifth system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics 'thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it.' are written below the notes.

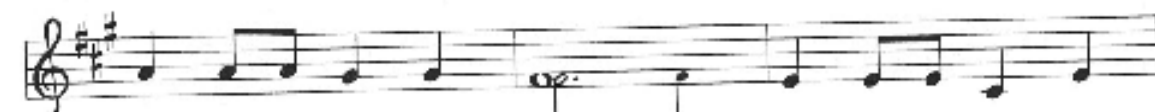
I Am the Bread of Life



1 "I am the Bread of life, You who
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .
5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not the hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
flesh of the Son of the Man . . . and . . .
I . . . am the life. . . . If you be -
you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst, No one can come to
eat . . . of this bread, you shall . . . live for -
drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you
Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
come in - to . . . the . . . world, . . .

Refrain

All




"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

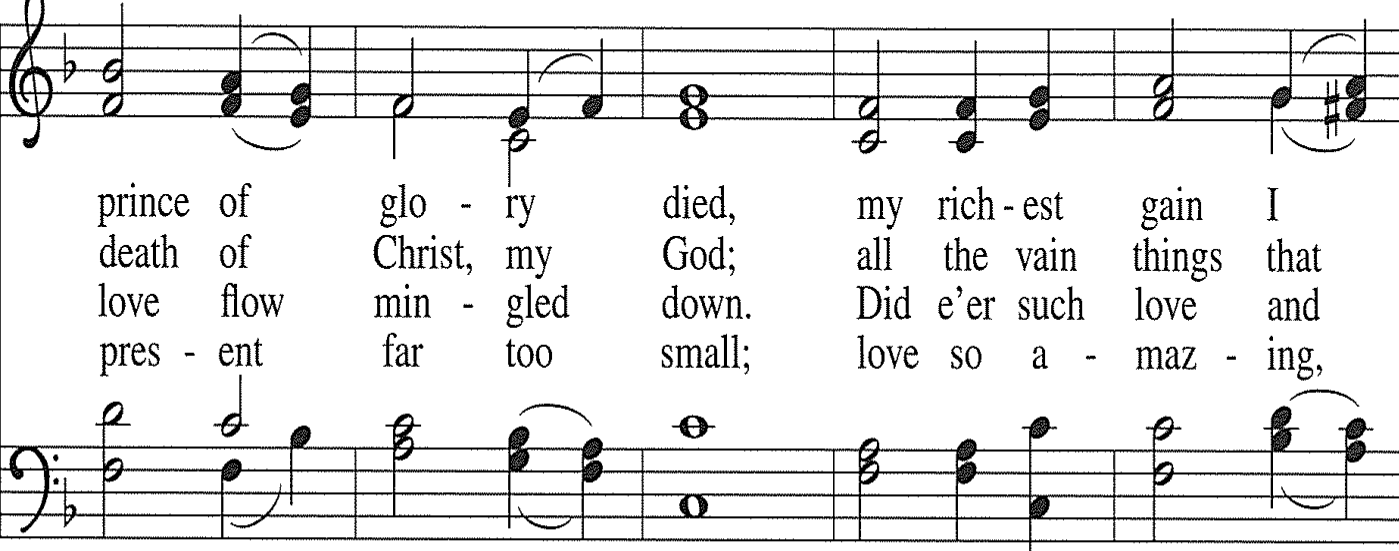


When I Survey the Wondrous Cross


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1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

LISTENING FOR THE PROMISE
WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL
Fifth Sunday in Lent – April 6, 2025

“¹⁷But [Jesus] looked directly at them and said, ‘What then is this that is written: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone”?’

¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.’”

- Luke 20:17-18 -

In ancient masonry, the cornerstone was the first stone laid in the foundation of a building, often a very large block, from which all other stones maintained both their stability and their orientation. This stone was both precious and valuable to the builders who laid it in its place. Precision was of utmost importance in the creation of the cornerstone. It had to be squared perfectly and set very accurately because it determined the levels of all the other stones in every direction. If anything was awry with this stone, the entire building would be affected. Once in place, the rest of the building would conform to the angles and size of the cornerstone. In addition, if the cornerstone were to be removed, the entire structure would collapse. The entire structure would be completely dependent upon this one stone.

In the same way, you and I are completely dependent upon Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone. Jesus defines who we are, much like the cornerstone of a building defines the angles and measurements of the other stones. Jesus is the cornerstone, the foundation of our entire lives. Too often, Jesus gets treated as one of the other stones in the building. And sadly, more often than not, Jesus is rejected altogether. Attending worship no longer serves as “Priority #1” in our lives. “I’ll get to church this Sunday as long as my son doesn’t have a basketball game.” “I may not make it to church on Sunday because we have a gathering on Saturday night, and chances are good we’ll be up really late.” It’s easy to find an excuse to not place Jesus as our Cornerstone. And when that happens, the structure we call “life” comes tumbling down. Jesus the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He aligns our purpose. He distinguishes for us what is right and what is wrong. Jesus gives us eternal life, through his death and resurrection. Jesus Christ provides the foundation by which you and I are measured and centered, by the grace of God.

May we be reminded that Jesus Christ is our solid rock, the Cornerstone that will not reject us when we reject him. Jesus is our sure and certain foundation.