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Lutheran
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Welcome

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Traditional Worship Service. We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

May God bless your worship with us today,
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***Compelled by the Love of Christ to Joyfully Live,
Learn, Share, and Serve'***

***Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of
Christian faith in our community, to all
generations, wherever they may be'***

Theme of the Day: Like Job, we have three choices when something catastrophic happens. We can let it *destroy* us. We can let it *define* us. Or we can let it *develop* us. Today we learn how suffering can develop us and it all begins with one act - **surrender**

Second week of Lent

Divine Service Four (pp 203ff)

Prelude

“Firm Foundation (He Won’t)”

Christ is my firm foundation The rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaken I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus 'Cause He's never let me down
He's faithful through generations So why would He fail now ...
He won't He won't

I've still got joy in chaos I've got peace that makes no sense
So I won't be going under I'm not held by my own strength
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus He's never let me down
He's faithful in every season So why would He fail now ...
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Rain came and wind blew But my house was built on You
I'm safe with You I'm going to make it through
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I'm safe with You I'm going to make it through

Yeah I'm going to make it through 'Cause I'm standing strong on You
Yeah I'm going to make it through 'Cause my house is built on You

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Welcome and Sharing of the Peace

Opening Song

"Just As I Am"

Just as I am without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee
O Lamb of God I come I come

Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot
O Lamb of God I come I come

I come broken to be mended I come wounded to be healed
I come desperate to be rescued I come empty to be filled
I come guilty to be pardoned By the blood of Christ the Lamb
And I'm welcomed with open arms praise God
Just as I am

Just as I am I would be lost But mercy and grace my freedom bought
And now to glory in Your cross O Lamb of God I come I come

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Invocation

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P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Gracious and most merciful Father,

C **In the light of your holiness we see ourselves as we really are.**

P And we are ashamed.

C **We confess that we have impure thoughts and unclean lips.**

P We think too highly of ourselves and too little of others

C **We cling so tightly to the treasures of this world,**

P That we cannot open our hands to receive blessings from above..

C **Our feet follow the paths of sin.**

P We wander so far astray that we become strangers to righteousness.

C **Forgive us, and set us again on the path that leads to life.**

P Deal with us not as we deserve, but according to your mercy,

C **Not because we are worthy but because you are gracious.**

P While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that through God's love in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. God has shown his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross and by his wounds we are healed. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

C **I know that my Redeemer lives!**

Song

"He Is"

If you're troubled, heavy hearted, come to Jesus and find your peace.
If you're run down, empty handed, Come to Jesus and find your strength

He is hope for the hopeless, rest for the weary, help for the hurting.

He is, He is mending the broken, bearing the burdens.

All that you're needing He is.

If you're wandering in the darkness, come to Jesus and find your way.
If you want freedom, need forgiveness, just come to Jesus and find His grace.

He is hope for the hopeless, rest for the weary, help for the hurting.

He is, He is mending the broken, bearing the burdens.
All that you're needing He is.

Comforter, Counselor, Prince of Peace, Author and Maker of everything,
Defender, Deliverer, King of kings, He is, He is.
Helper and Healer forevermore, Savior and Shelter through every storm,
my Refuge, Redeemer and Lord of Lords, He is, He is.
Child of Heaven and Son of Man, Provider, Protector, the great I AM,
Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End, He is, He is.

Hope for the hopeless, rest for the weary, help for the hurting.
He is, He is mending the broken, bearing the burdens.
All that you're needing He is.
All that you're needing He is.

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Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray... Gracious God, when life seems cruel and the going gets real rough, empower us to surrender to your loving will, even as we say, "Blessed be the name of the LORD;" through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Today's Scripture Lessons Reflect the Theme of Surrendering to God's Will

First Reading

Job 1:13-22

¹³ Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, ¹⁴ and there came a messenger to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, ¹⁵ and the Sabeans fell upon them and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." ¹⁶ While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you." ¹⁷ While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "The Chaldeans

formed three groups and made a raid on the camels and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you.”¹⁸ While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, “Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house,¹⁹ and behold, a great wind came across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young people, and they are dead, and I alone have escaped to tell you.”²⁰ Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped.²¹ And he said, “Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.”²² In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,⁴ who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.⁵ For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.⁶ If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer.⁷ Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.⁸ For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself.⁹ Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 9:51-62

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³ But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ And they went on to another village. ⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

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G **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.

Message Song

"Lord I Need You"

Lord I come, I confess, bowing here, I find my rest.
Without You, I fall apart, You're the one that guides my heart.

Lord I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You are.
Where You are, Lord I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

Lord I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.
When I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God how I need You.
You're my one defense, my righteousness. Oh God how I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God how I need You.

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Message

"Sweet Surrender"

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

- P** O God, when you allow suffering and pain instead of sunshine and gladness we will still believe and live by your Holy Word.
- G** **When we feel loss empower us to still bless your holy name.**
- P** For it is the weak and humble who receive your love;
- G** **Who are pardoned and healed,**
- P** Who are enlightened and strengthened
- G** **And so we will find joy in suffering**
- P** And pray for your will to be done.

(Additional Prayers)

- P** Father, we surrender to our present circumstances that we can't control;
- G** **Because we have your names—**
- P** Yahweh, El Shaddai and Eloah
- G** **We have your name—**

P Jesus.

G “The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD.” Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

G **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

P 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.

G Amen.

Closing Song

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.

When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say:

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be. Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering. Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.

When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say:

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

You give and take away. You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say: "Lord, blessed be Your name."

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