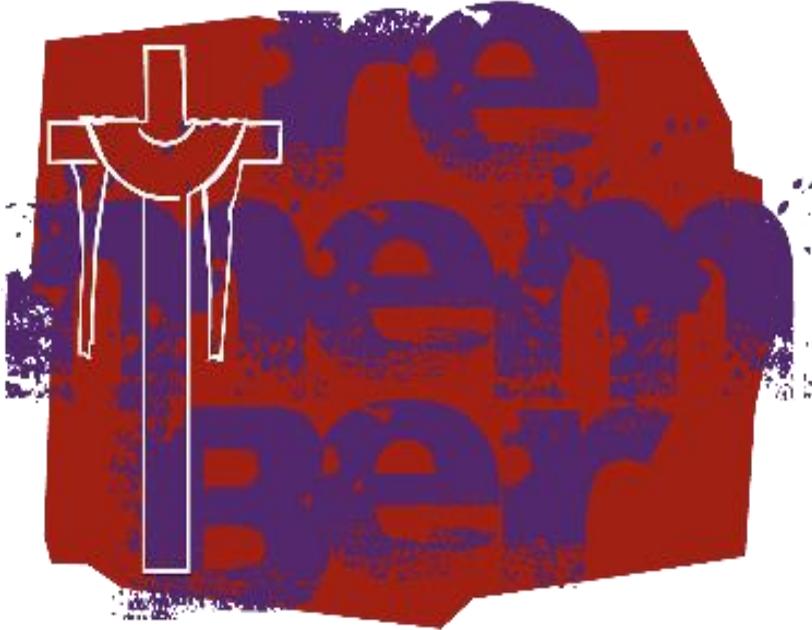


“A Lent to Remember”
Lenten Midweek Series
Christ Lutheran Church

April 10th, 2019



As We Gather— *“Remember Steadfast Love”*

What words best describe the love of Jesus? Hymns sung in Lent give a variety of descriptive expressions including “wondrous love,” “unswerving love,” “bleeding love,” and “love so amazing.” A descriptive word used often in Scripture to modify the word “love” is the old English word “steadfast.” The love of Jesus is steadfast. It is a love that will not let us go. It is a love that remembers us—remembering our weakness and knowing our needs. It is “love unknown”—which means “beyond our ability to understand it.” It is “wondrous love” indeed!

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Mission Statement

United in Christ through Word and Sacrament to proclaim Christ to a waiting world.

WELCOME!

We extend a cordial welcome to everyone in the name of our crucified and risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Visitors are asked to sign the guest book at the entrance of the church and are always welcome in our midst.

Order of Worship—(*as printed in the bulletin*)

-Ring of the Bell (Chimes)

-Sharing of the Peace— (*Please greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*) [*Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3*] **Recognizing health concerns, we value verbal greetings as well as handshake greetings.**

OPENING HYMN—"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

(LSB 435)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING VERSES—*Psalm 102:1-2, 25-28*

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O LORD; let my cry come to You!

People: Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my distress! Incline Your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call!

Pastor: Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands.

People: They will perish, but You will remain; they will all wear out like a garment.

Pastor: You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, but You are the same, and Your years have no end.

People: The children of Your servants shall dwell secure; their offspring shall be established before You.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, it was Your will that Your Son should bear the pains of the cross for us so that the adversary can have no power over our lives. Help us daily to remember our Lord's Passion and to rejoice in the remission of our sins and our redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

PSALM—*Psalm 26; antiphon: v. 3*

Pastor: Your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in Your faithfulness. Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

People: Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind. For Your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in Your faithfulness.

Pastor: I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites. I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.

**People: I wash my hands in innocence and go around Your altar, O LORD, proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all Your wondrous deeds.
O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Pastor: Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men, in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.

People: But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

Pastor: My foot stands on level ground;

People: in the great assembly I will bless the LORD. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: Your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in Your faithfulness.

HYMN INTRODUCTION

Pastor: Samuel Crossman, a clergyman who once served as a chaplain to the king of England, penned "My Song Is Love Unknown" in the 1660s, setting forth the story of salvation simply and directly. As we sing his words about the Passion of our Lord, who shows "love to the loveless," we realize that Samuel Crossman's song from nearly four hundred years ago is our song, and his faith in the loving Savior is ours to share and to treasure. Many tunes used for the great hymns of the Church are compositions that took an extended period of time to complete. The tune LOVE UNKNOWN was written in the early twentieth century by composer John Ireland in fifteen minutes on a scrap of paper specifically for the words of Samuel Crossman from the seventeenth century. Included in an English hymnbook in 1919, the combination of text and tune has become a favorite of millions of Christians around the world.

HYMN—"My Song Is Love Unknown"

(LSB 430)

FIRST READING—*Lamentations 3:21–25* (The mercies of the Lord are new each day.)

Pastor: But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

Pastor: “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, therefore I will hope in Him.

People: The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, Your steadfast love is shown to us in many ways. Teach us to be assured that Your steadfast love never ceases and to wait in quiet expectation for Your salvation. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord.

People: Amen.

SECOND READING—*Ephesians 2:4–9* (God will show the riches of His grace.)

⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE—*Psalms 98:1a, 3*

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song,

People: for He has done marvelous things!

Pastor: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

People: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

PASSION NARRATIVE—*John 10:1–16* (Jesus is handed over to be crucified.)

Pastor: Hear now the reading of the Passion Narrative from St. John’s Gospel, chapter ten.

¹[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber.

²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CREED—*Apostles’ Creed (as found on the very back page of your hymnal)*

SERMON HYMN—“When I Behold Jesus Christ” (LSB 542)

SERMON—“Remember Steadfast Love” (Psalm 98:3)

Sermon Text—*Psalm 98:3*

³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “On My Heart Imprint Your Image” (LSB 422)

VERSICLES

Pastor: Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,

People: have mercy and hear us.

LORD’S PRAYER—*(as found on the very back page of the bulletin)*

VERSICLES

Pastor: Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,

People: and grant us Your salvation.

Pastor: Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness;

People: and let Your saints shout for joy.

Pastor: Lord, keep this nation under Your care,

People: and guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Pastor: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

People: for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.

Pastor: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

People: let all the peoples praise You!

Pastor: For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
People: and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
People: and renew a right spirit within me.

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O Lord;
People: let my cry come to You.

PRAYER

People: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you, defend you from all evil, and bring you to everlasting life.
People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN—"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" (LSB 427)

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

At this time we leave our service in silent prayer contemplating and meditating on our Lord Jesus' passion in suffering and dying on the cross for our sins.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR LENT AT CHRIST AND CALVARY—Lenten midweek services are on Wednesdays at Christ starting at 7:15pm and at Calvary on Thursdays at 6:30pm with Lenten Suppers from 5:00-6:00 pm)... Lent Starts with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday March 6th and continues through to Easter on April 21st—

“A Lent to Remember” Lenten Midweek Services...

Lenten Midweek 6: Remember Steadfast Love, Psalm 98:3

-Wednesday April 10th @ Christ Lutheran 7:15pm

-Thursday April 11th @ Calvary Waupaca 6:30pm

Maundy Thursday: Remembrance of Me, 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

-Thursday April 18th @ Calvary Waupaca 6:30pm

Good Friday: Remember Me, Luke 23:39–43

-Friday April 19th @ Christ Lutheran 7pm

Easter Day: Remember Jesus Risen, 2 Timothy 2:8, 11 @ *Christ and Calvary Lutheran Churches, our normal Sunday morning Worship times*