

Welcome

We are glad that you have
joined us for worship.

March 22, 2026

Worship Theme

I Need Life

Guest Pastor Rod Rudell



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Preschool

Sings



OPENING HYMN:

#836 **I Walk in Danger All the Way** (vs. 1-6)

V1. I walk in danger all the way;
the thought shall never leave me
that Satan, who has marked his prey,
is plotting to deceive me.
This foe with hidden snares
may seize me unawares
if e'er I fail to watch and pray;
I walk in danger all the way.

V2. I pass through trials all the way,
with sin and ills contending;
in patience I must bear each day
the cross of God's own sending.

Oft in adversity

I know not where to flee,
when storms of woe my soul dismay;
I pass through trials all the way.

V3. Grim death pursues me all the way,
no-where I rest securely;
he comes by night, he comes by day,
he takes his prey most surely.

A failing breath, and I
in death's strong grasp may lie
to face eternity today;
grim death pursues me all the way.

V4. I walk with angels all the way,
they shield me and befriend me;
all Satan's pow'r is held at bay
when heav'nly hosts attend me.
They are my sure defense;
all fear and sorrow, hence!
Unharm'd by foes, do what they may,
I walk with angels all the way.

V5. I walk with Jesus all the way,
his guidance never fails me;
within his wounds I find a stay
when Satan's pow'r assails me;
and by his footsteps led,
my path I safely tread.
No evil leads my soul astray;
I walk with Jesus all the way.

V6. My walk is heav'nward all the way;
await, my soul, the morrow,
when you at last with joy can say
farewell to sin and sorrow.
All worldly pomp, begone!
To heav'n I now press on.
For all the world I would not stay;
my walk is heav'nward all the way.

Please stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

C: Amen.

PSALM OF REPENTANCE: Psalm 32:1-5

P: Blessed is he whose transgressions
are forgiven,

C: whose sins are covered.

P: Blessed is the man whose sin the
Lord does not count against him

C: and in whose spirit is no deceit.

P: When I kept silent, my bones wasted
away

C: through my groaning all day long.

P: For day and night your hand was
heavy upon me;

C: my strength was sapped as in the
heat of summer.

P: Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover my iniquity.

C: I said, "I will confess my
transgressions to the Lord" — and
you forgave the guilt of my sin.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let us approach the Lord with sincere hearts and confess our sins to God our Father, that He might, for the sake of Jesus Christ, grant us forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we come to you, seeking your mercy and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only begotten Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, by the suffering, death, and resurrection of your Son you have redeemed this fallen world. Grant eternal joy to your faithful people, whom you have delivered from the danger of everlasting death through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 4:17-37



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But the woman became pregnant, and the next year about that same time she gave birth to a son, just as Elisha had told her.

The child grew, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. "My head! My head!" he said to his father.

His father told a servant, "Carry him to his mother." After the servant had lifted him up and carried him to his mother, the boy sat on her lap until noon, and then he died. She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then shut the door and went out.

She called her husband and said, "Please send me one of the servants and a donkey so I can go to the man of God quickly and return."

"Why go to him today?" he asked. "It's not the New Moon or the Sabbath."

"It's all right," she said.

She saddled the donkey and said to her servant, "Lead on; don't slow down for me unless I tell you." So she set out and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

When he saw her in the distance, the man of God said to his servant Gehazi, "Look! There's the Shunammite! Run to meet her and ask her, 'Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your child all right?'" "

"Everything is all right," she said.

When she reached the man of God at the mountain, she took hold of his feet. Gehazi came over to push her away, but the man of God said, "Leave her alone! She is in bitter distress, but the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me why."

“Did I ask you for a son, my lord?” she said. “Didn’t I tell you, ‘Don’t raise my hopes’?”

Elisha said to Gehazi, “Tuck your cloak into your belt, take my staff in your hand and run. If you meet anyone, do not greet him, and if anyone greets you, do not answer. Lay my staff on the boy’s face.”

But the child's mother said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So he got up and followed her.

Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the boy's face, but there was no sound or response. So Gehazi went back to meet Elisha and told him, "The boy has not awakened."

When Elisha reached the house, there was the boy lying dead on his couch. He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the LORD. Then he got on the bed and lay upon the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As he stretched himself out upon him, the boy's body grew warm.

Elisha turned away and walked back and forth in the room and then got on the bed and stretched out upon him once more. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes.

Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, "Call the Shunammite." And he did. When she came, he said, "Take your son." She came in, fell at his feet and bowed to the ground. Then she took her son and went out.



Sung Response

Ten Thousand Reasons
(Ascension Arise Band)

THE WORD

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:11-19



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And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it.

For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship.

And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

A vibrant, stylized illustration of Jesus with a child and a group of children in a garden. Jesus, with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a white robe, is seated on the left, holding a young child in his arms. To his right, a group of five children are gathered, looking towards him. The background features a large tree with green leaves and a butterfly on the left. The ground is decorated with colorful flowers and swirling patterns. The overall style is reminiscent of a stained-glass window or a colorful painting with bold outlines and a rich color palette of greens, blues, and earthy tones.

Children's Message

SERMON HYMN: #847 **Be Still, My Soul** (vs.1-4)

V1. Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul;
your best, your heav'nly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

V2.

Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past;
your hope, your confidence,
let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul;
the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he lived below.

V3.

Be still, my soul; when dearest friends depart
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then you will better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrows
and your fears.

Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away.

V4.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief,
and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Be still, my soul;
when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.



THE WORD

SERMON READING:

**John 11:17-27,
38-45**

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said.

"But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him.



SERMON THEME

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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.

Please be seated

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Thanks for your generosity!



Give



(Music, In Christ Alone)

Please stand

RESPONSIVE OFFERING PRAYER

P: Gracious God, all that we have comes from you:

C: Our bodies and minds, our energy and intelligence, our time and abilities, our health and possessions and wealth.

P: Move our hearts to respond to your love by joyfully returning a generous portion of what you have given to us for the work of your kingdom.

C: We place our gifts into your hands, trusting you to bless and direct for our eternal good. Amen.



Prayer of the Church

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

Please be seated

CLOSING SONG: Blessed Assurance (vs.1,3)



Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Jes-us is mine!



O what a fore - taste of glo-ry di - vine!



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur-chase of God,

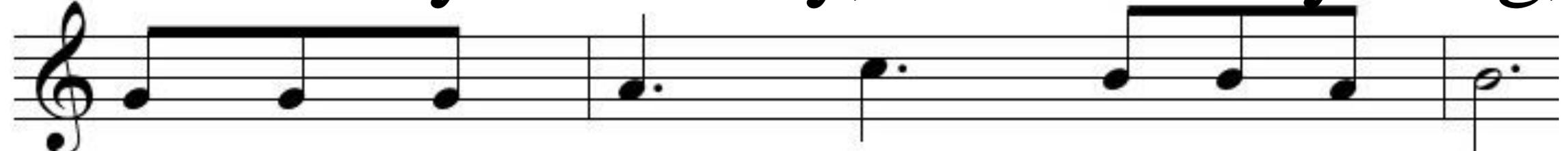


Born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood.

Refrain



This is my sto - ry, this is my song,



Prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long;



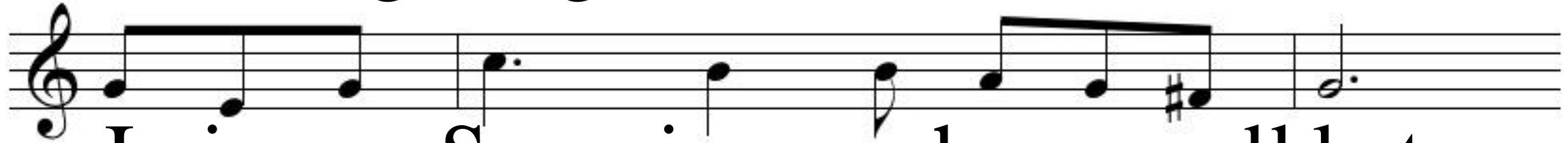
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Prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.



Know-ing for -give - ness, now I'm at rest,



I in my Sav - ior am hap-py and blest;



Watch-ing and wait - ing, look-ing a - bove,



Filled with His good - ness, trust-ing His love.

Refrain



This is my sto - ry, this is my song,



Prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long;



This is my sto - ry, this is my song,



Prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Announcements



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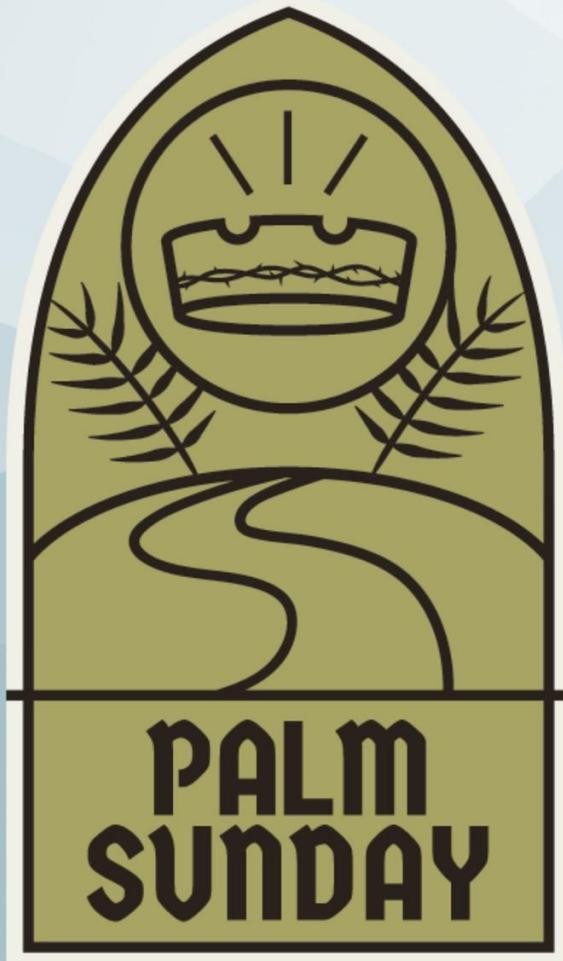
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Pastor Scott Spaulding
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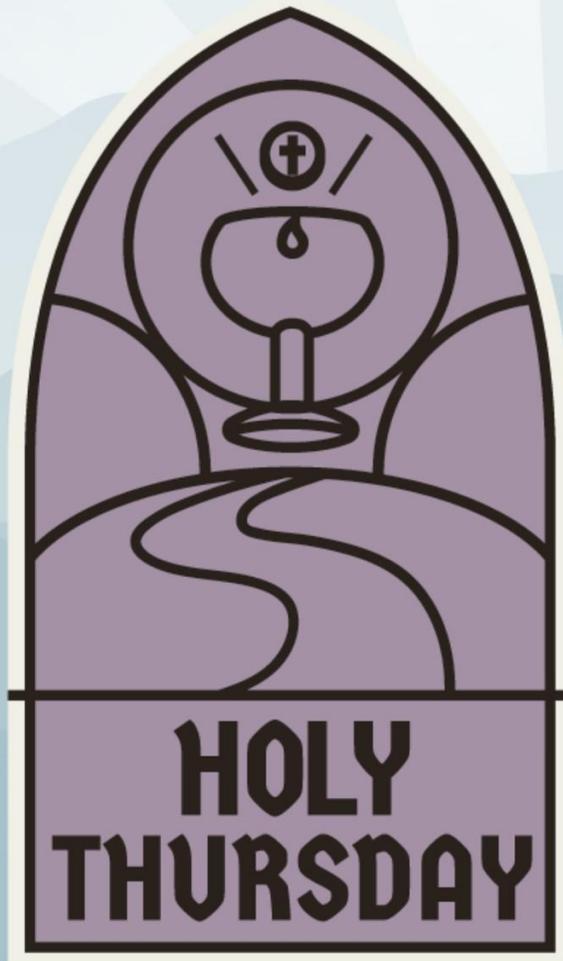
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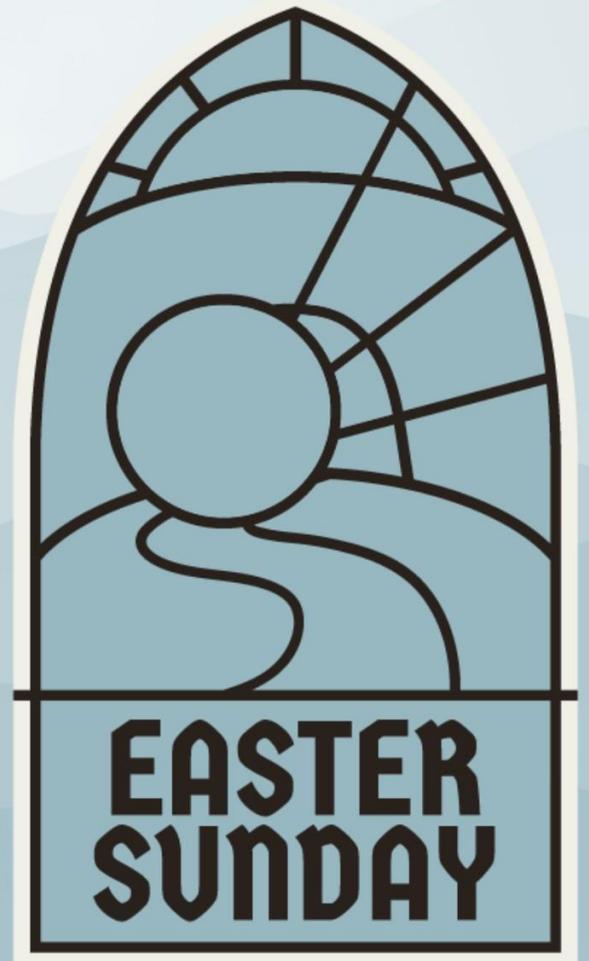
March 29th 9:30am



April 2nd 7:00pm



April 3rd 7:00pm



April 5th 9:30am

CELEBRATE EASTER

Flower Sign-Up Available

Pricing & Sign-up sheets are available
on the Group Life Board

Contact Beth Svendsen if you have questions.



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**2026 WELS
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Band Fest

**Sunday,
March 22nd • 2 PM**

*All are welcome to attend the
concert at West Lutheran or watch
via live stream (link to come).*



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Thanks for Serving



- ✝ Guest Pastor: Rod Pudell
- ✝ Pianist/Organist: Pam Peterson
- ✝ AV Team
- ✝ Serving: Flock #1 – Tim Russow

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