

Jesus calls us from sinful selfishness to selfless service. We can view the world from the perspective of selfishness or selflessness. Selfishness puts self before all and leads to favoritism, pride and envy. Repentance, however, means despairing of self, trusting in Christ's substitutionary sacrifice and leading lives of selfless service modeled after our Savior who came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for us.

Turn My Heart, O God, The Common Service

(page 17 and following in *Christian Worship*)

TURN MY HEART, O GOD

Marty Haugen

Refrain



Turn* my heart, O God. Turn my heart, O God.



Take my pain and bro-ken-ness; shape my life for



you. Come and turn my heart, O God.

Verse response (3 times)



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* If desired, the first word of this phrase may be changed each time it appears.

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Choir: Refrain

Congregation: Refrain

Choir: Have mercy, gracious God, forgive my selfish ways.

Congregation: Verse Response

Choir: O wash away my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

Congregation: Verse Response

Choir: I know my failings well, they prey upon my mind.

Congregation: Verse Response

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Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

Refrain

Choir: I turned my face from you to seek out evil paths.

Choir: Your punishment is just, your sentence fair and right.

Choir: You see me as I am: a sinner from my birth.

Refrain

Choir: Great Lover of all truth, teach wisdom to my heart.

Choir: O purge me, make me clean, and wash me new once more.

Choir: Let songs of joy ring out from crushed and silent bones.

Refrain

Choir: Create in me, O God, a clean and righteous heart.

Choir: Do not abandon me, but keep me close to you.

Choir: Give back to me the joy of walking in your way.

Refrain

Choir: Then I shall teach your path to bring the wayward home.

Choir: Deliver me from death that I might sing your praise.

Choir: Accept my gift to you: a broken, contrite heart.

Refrain

STAND

The invocation warmly calls to mind the words through which believers have been baptized into Christ and made members of his Church. The faithful respond, "Amen!" "Yes, God is here to bless. Yes, we have arrived to worship him. Yes, it is good to be here."

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

M: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

C: we have sinned against you

in our thoughts,

in our words,

in our deeds,

and in all that we have not done.

Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Deliver and restore us,

that we may rest in peace.

M: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven.

Let us rest in his peace all our days and serve him in the newness of life.

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C: Amen.

Refrain

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

BE SEATED

Junior Choir (8:00 a.m.)

Abide With Us Our Savior

First Lesson:

Genesis 37:1-11

The life of Joseph illustrates Jesus' message that whoever wants to be first must be your slave. Selfishness led to Jacob's favoritism and his sons' jealousy. Selfishness led Jacob and his sons to such pride that they could not imagine God's prophecy about Joseph coming true. Their selfishness forced Joseph into the role of slave and servant, yet God in his grace would save many people in spite of their sin. Sold into slavery, and jailed unjustly, Joseph would trust in God and selflessly serve his fellow man. Ultimately, God brought the prideful low and raised up humble Joseph. In doing so, He both fulfilled his prophecy and also saved the family of God and countless others.

37 Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan.

²This is the account of Jacob's family line.

Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate^[a] robe for him. ⁴When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

⁵Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. ⁶He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: ⁷We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."

⁸His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

⁹ Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. “Listen,” he said, “I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.”

¹⁰ When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, “What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?” ¹¹ His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind. (New International Version)

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 42-43 (p. 82 of CW)

Second Lesson

Romans 8:1-10

One of Scripture’s greatest chapters begins with one of its sweetest verses: Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Christ’s life ransomed mankind because it met God’s demands and set us free from the Law of sin. Now we are free to live according to the Spirit. The sinful nature wants us to live in selfishness; the Spirit sets us free to live lives of selfless service to God and neighbor. Sinners that we are, the requirements of the Law could never be fully met by us, but now they are fully met in us through the indwelling of the Spirit and Christ.

⁸ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ 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 because of ^fhis Spirit who lives in you. (NIV)

Verse of the Day

M: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

Gospel:

Matthew 20:17-28

Jesus revealed the plan of the Father to his disciples: the Son of God would leave his heavenly throne and selflessly give his freedom to his enemies, his body to the torturer, his life to the executioner in order that he might be our Savior. Rather than marveling at the depth of his love and self-sacrifice, the disciples argued about places of greatness in glory. The sons of Zebedee wanted to sit at the right and left of Jesus, but were only promised that they would join in drinking his cup. The other disciples were indignant, but not righteously so. Jesus corrected them, too. Followers of Jesus drink his cup and find greatness in selflessly serving others. For our motivation and our model, Christ points back to God's plan for the Son of Man who came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

¹⁷ Now Jesus was going up to Jerusalem. On the way, he took the Twelve aside and said to them, ¹⁸“We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death ¹⁹and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!”

²⁰ Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him.

²¹ “What is it you want?” he asked.

She said, “Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom.”

²² “You don't know what you are asking,” Jesus said to them. “Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?”

“We can,” they answered.

²³ Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father.”

²⁴ When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. ²⁵ Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (sung) Praise be to you, O Christ!

Apostles' Creed

The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo," the first word in the Apostles' creed, translated "I believe." It has come to mean "A statement of belief." In the Apostles' Creed Christians confess what they believe about the true God. In its earliest form we find it used as candidates for baptism were asked questions about their faith. The answers that were regularly used became the basis for the creed. A version of this baptismal creed is found in Latin in 404 AD. It is based on a very similar creed that was in use by 150 AD. It is also found in the Greek language in 340 AD. From this we see that, although the creed was not written by the Apostles directly, it was used very early in the history of the Church and it was used throughout the Church (the west [Latin] and the east [Greek]).

**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

Hymn of the Day:

Hymn 486

Sermon

Romans 8:1-10

Islands in the Son: An Island Filled With People Ready To Serve

STAND

Create in Me (sung)

Following the sermon, the congregation stands to sing this short canticle, which, in the words of the Psalmist (Psalm 51:10-12), prays for a clean heart and a renewed spirit in response to God's gift of grace.

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.**

BE SEATED

Offering *During the offering, please sign the friendship register in your pew. Thank you!*

Musical Offering 8:00 a.m. Emily Cappelle *Wondrous Love*

STAND

Prayer of the Church Lent (page 125)

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.

BE SEATED

Hymn: Hymn 484

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) Amen.

STAND

Benediction

M: 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.

C: (sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

BE SEATED

Closing Hymn:

Hymn 492

Today' Light Bible Readings

Week 31,

March 30-April 4

Monday	1 Kings 19
Tuesday	1 Kings 20
Wednesday	1 Kings 21-22
Thursday	2 Kings 1-2
Friday	2 Kings 3-4
Saturday	2 Kings 5

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Announcements

It has pleased our heavenly Father to call the soul of Gary Dobberpuhl to his eternal home. Gary died on Tuesday, March 25. His Christian funeral was yesterday, March 29. Please remember all who mourn Gary's death in your prayers.

Adult Christ Light will not meet today.

Come Follow Me This study is based on the movie, *Come Follow Me*. The movie shares the story of Peter's call to follow Jesus, his denial of Jesus, and his subsequent restoration. Just like Peter, we struggle with feelings of inadequacy. The solution is Jesus, who assures us that we are forgiven, can be his witnesses, and that he will give us the gifts needed for ministry. This study is 8 lessons long. We will watch the movie, discuss its biblical basis, apply it to our lives, and learn ways we can share this DVD with others as we Go with the Gospel. We begin today at 9:15 a.m. in the commons. DVDs will be available for you to use to invite people to our Easter worship.

Today's Light Bible Discussion will meet tonight. The April reading guides are now available in the basement and by the double doors in church. The reading guides now include suggested answers to the discussion questions!

Tuesday Bible Study will not meet in April.

Worship Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. this Tuesday. We will put together the worship folder for the Three Holy Days before our meeting.

Soup Suppers Each Wednesday during Lent we will have soup suppers after the 11:00 a.m. service and at 6:00 p.m. before the 7:00 p.m. Lenten service. There

are sign up sheets in the basement if you would like to make soup, bars, help serve, or all three!

Midweek Lenten Series This year our midweek Lenten worship will focus on "See His Cross! Surprising Words From our Savior's Passion." the weekly themes are:

April 2 *Glory Be To Jesus!*

April 9 *Our King Is Crucified!*

Lenten Worship: This year the Sundays in Lent will focus on *Islands in the Son*. The Sundays of Lent are not a part of the season itself. They are islands of refreshment where we see what Jesus has done for us as we travel the penitential path that leads to the empty tomb. The themes are:

April 6 *An Island paradise that doesn't end after two weeks*

April 13 *An Island visited by our King*

Usher Sign Up Sheets are on the white table in the middle of the basement. Please sign up for the service or services at which you would like to usher. Sign up as a family with your children!

Easter For Kids Join us on Saturday, April 12th from 9:00-11:00 am for Easter for Kids. The program is free and open to all children age three through fourth grade. All sign up sheets can be found in the church basement and the school commons. We hope that many children can make it to this fun day! Please feel free to invite a friend!

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Fourth Sunday in
Lent

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Come, Follow Me Study, commons
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	Today's Light Bible Discussion
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	School Board
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Committee
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Lenten Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Soup Supper, church
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation (8th grade only)
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History, grades 1-5
	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper, church
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship
	8:00 p.m.	Choir
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	Come, Follow Me Study, commons
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Christ Light, church
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Today's Light Bible Discussion

Today's Light Bible Reading

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Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship	358 (213, 145)
Lent	230 (133, 97)
Bible Study	83 (8, 54, 13, 8)
Youth Group :	22

Meditations Available Electronically

Meditations, a collection of daily Scripture-based devotions and prayers published by Northwestern Publishing House (NPH) for almost 60 years, is now available as an Apple app and as an e-book.

"Both the e-book and the app make it easier for people on the go and using mobile devices to access the devotions no matter where they are," says Rev. John Braun, NPH vice president of publishing services.

Printed quarterly in correlation to the church year, *Meditations* currently reaches almost 70,000 subscribers through its booklet format. With the addition of electronic media, NPH gives WELS members another way to access this popular publication as well as reaches an even broader audience. "With the app we hope that people outside our fellowship will find the content and the format interesting and they will use it," says Braun.

More than 2,200 people have al-

ready downloaded the app, which was released March 1. One reader writes, "I have been looking for a nice devotional app that isn't too cheesy and has specific topics and Bible chapters to cover. This one is perfect. I love it!"

The iOS app, available through the Apple App store, offers a daily devotion as well as Scripture readings, daily prayers, and special occasion prayers. After a two-week free trial, buyers can continue receiving devotions through a 30-day subscription for \$1.99 or a yearly subscription for \$12.99.

Meditations has been published as an e-book since December 2013 and is available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

Meditations isn't the only publication that NPH is delivering electronically. According to NPH president, Mr. Bill Ziche, more than 100 new, bestselling, and classic NPH book titles are available as e-books. This year, NPH also began offering a digital version of the synod's maga-

zine *Forward in Christ* in celebration of the magazine's 100th anniversary.

"God's Word is constant and unchanging, but the ways to reach people with his Word are always changing," says Ziche. "Looking forward, Northwestern Publishing House will continue to explore new ways to reach and meet the needs of those we serve—in places and ways that are relevant to them."

Learn more about Northwestern Publishing House and its products at www.nph.net.

News from Our High Schools

FVL Choirs will perform a Sacred Choral Concert in the auditorium on Sunday, April 6 at 6:00 pm. A free-will offering will be taken.

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