

Jesus will raise us from death to life. The crown jewel of the coming kingdom is the resurrection of the dead. One day, Jesus will defeat the last enemy (1 Corinthians 15:27) and life will reign again in our new Eden with God. On our Lenten walk to Calvary, the Church sees the Savior come face to face with death and defeat it completely. During our Lenten walk, the Prayer of the Day asks God to help us remember that Jesus, who is resurrection and life, has made us heirs of eternal life.

Turn My Heart, O God, Service of the Word

(page 40 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)



Come and turn my heart, O God.

** 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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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran
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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.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; 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

Choir (10:30 a.m.)

Be Strong In The Lord

First Lesson:

2 Kings 4:18-37

The story is heartbreaking: a barren woman gives birth to a promised child. All her hopes and love wrapped themselves up in this little boy, until the day his head hurt. He died in his mother's lap while she rocked him. Can you imagine the tears? Death is the bitter lot we inherited from Adam. But God wants us to know that even in the face of a death as heartrending as this, he promises that whoever believes in him will live, even though he dies. So he lets Elisha pay an advance on the inheritance waiting for the coheirs of Christ, that we might know and believe that Jesus one day will raise us from death to life.

¹⁸ The child grew, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. ¹⁹ He said to his father, "My head! My head!"

His father told a servant, "Carry him to his mother."²⁰ 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. ²¹ She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then shut the door and went out.

²² 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."

²³ "Why go to him today?" he asked. "It's not the New Moon or the Sabbath."

"That's all right," she said.

²⁴ She saddled the donkey and said to her servant, "Lead on; don't slow down for me unless I tell you."²⁵ 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!"²⁶ 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.

²⁷ 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."

²⁸ "Did I ask you for a son, my lord?" she said. "Didn't I tell you, 'Don't raise my hopes?'"

²⁹ Elisha said to Gehazi, “Tuck your cloak into your belt, take my staff in your hand and run. Don’t greet anyone you meet, and if anyone greets you, do not answer. Lay my staff on the boy’s face.”

³⁰ 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.

³¹ 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.”

³² When Elisha reached the house, there was the boy lying dead on his couch. ³³ He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the LORD. ³⁴ Then he got on the bed and lay on the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As he stretched himself out on him, the boy’s body grew warm. ³⁵ Elisha turned away and walked back and forth in the room and then got on the bed and stretched out on him once more. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes.

³⁶ Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, “Call the Shunammite.” And he did. When she came, he said, “Take your son.” ³⁷ She came in, fell at his feet and bowed to the ground. Then she took her son and went out. (New International Version)

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 115 (p. 55 of CWS)

Second Lesson

Romans 8:11-19

The indwelling of the Spirit proves our possession of the crown jewel of the kingdom, the resurrection from the dead. If the Spirit is in us, God will most certainly grant true and real life to our mortal bodies. The knowledge of our future glory lets us approach God without fear and bear suffering as children of God and coheirs with Christ.

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 his Spirit who lives in you.

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. (NIV)

Verse of the Day

M: The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)

STAND

Gospel:

John 11:21-37

Jesus performed the greatest miracle of his ministry to prove to us the certainty of his greatest promise. Death has hounded mankind since the garden and caused misery that God never intended for his children. When Christ saw the effects of death on his loved ones, he wept with them, but also promised them that one day even this last enemy would be defeated. Martha, too often remembered for her busyness, should be remembered for her confession of faith—so complete, so noble—that encompassed everything Jesus had preached. It even encompassed teachings the disciples struggled to comprehend! She believed in Jesus’ promise of a future resurrection, and so Jesus gave proof to her and to us that his promise is true. By that same faith, he will give to us the crown jewel of the kingdom. The one who is resurrection and life will also give resurrection and life to all who believe. Jesus’ victory in this battle with death was a forgone conclusion: he thanked God for it in advance. But Lazarus’ response to the command of Christ stirs the heart of every Christian who has stared at the ugly face of death: the dead man came out.

¹⁷ On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

²¹ “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”

²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

²⁴ Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

²⁷ “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ “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.”

⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² 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.”

⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ 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.”

⁴⁵ Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

BE SEATED

Hymn of the Day:

Hymn 110

Sermon (8:00 a.m.)

2 Romans 8:11-19

Islands in the Son:

An Island Paradise that does not end after two weeks

Examination of the Confirmation Class

(10:30 a.m.)

STAND

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.**

BE SEATED

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

STAND

Prayer of the Church

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 392

STAND

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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 728

Today' Light Bible Readings

Week 31

April 6- 11

Monday	2 Kings 6-7
Tuesday	2 Kings 8
Wednesday	1 Kings 9-10
Thursday	2 Kings 11-12
Friday	2 Kings 13-14
Saturday	2 Kings 15-16

God's Great Exchange

What
God
Demands



+ holiness
- sin
= life

What
God Sees

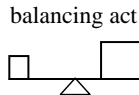


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God's
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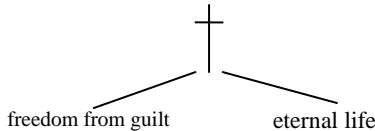
Jesus'
holiness



+ holiness
- sin
= death

The Great Exchange

Blessings
That Follow



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Announcements

Examination of this year's confirmation class is a part of worship in the late service today. Members of this year's class are: Jacob Beining, Anthony Feldkamp, Ben Dobberpuhl, Lauren Griepentrog, Leah Ihlenfeldt, Alexander Laabs, Tom Schultz, Evan Vaughn, Leah Voster, and Jared Wiedow.

Adult Christ Light will meet at 9:15 a.m. in church 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.

CD Ministry Meeting This Monday at 6:00 p.m. all the people involved in our Sermon CD Ministry to inactive members will meet at school. Please plan to join us so we can fine tune this ministry.

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 mid-week Lenten worship will focus on "See His Cross! Surprising Words From our Savior's Passion." the last weekly theme is: 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 last theme is: 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 Lilies The worship committee is offering to pick up lilies for anyone who would like to purchase one to decorate our church. Purchased flowers can be taken home the Sunday following Easter. Flowers left after May 4th will be discarded. Please sign up on the sheet in the church basement by Sunday April 6 if you would like to contribute to beautifying our Easter services. The cost is \$8.00 per flower. Any money above the actual cost of the lilies will be used by the committee to purchase palms for Palm Sunday and other items used to enhance our worship.

Sunday School Teacher Needed This Fall we will need a new Sunday School teacher. Sunday School is for students ages 3-5. It meets on Sunday mornings at 9:15. If you have any questions about it or would like to see what it is like, talk to Char Van Rossum or stop in for a class on Sunday!

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Fifth Sunday in
Lent

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Class, church
	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	6:00 p.m.	CD Ministry to Inactives Meeting, school
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
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, communion
	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, confirmation, communion
	7:00 p.m.	Today's Light Bible Discussion

Today's Light Bible Reading

Week 32—April 7-12

Monday	2 Kings 6-7
Tuesday	2 Kings 8
Wednesday	2 Kings 9-10
Thursday	2 Kings 11-12
Friday	2 Kings 13-14
Saturday	2 Kings 15-16

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship	288 (191, 97)
Lent	226 (118, 108)
Bible Study	61 (X, 47, 14,)
Youth Group :	30

Revisiting Congregational Mission Offering To The WELS

Last summer the synod convention approved a ministry financial plan (budget) that called for a four percent increase in Congregation Mission Offerings (CMO). The adopted plan not only maintained current levels of ministry in most areas but also provided for limited expansion of our mission and ministry. New home mission starts were to be increased, and mission efforts around the world were to be expanded in a number of different ways. In addition, the plan enabled the financial position of our ministerial education schools to be strengthened at all levels.

CMO subscriptions for 2014 did not result in the four percent increase envisioned by the adopted plan. In fact, subscriptions for 2014 actually decreased from actual 2013 offerings by about one percent. This resulted in a \$1.2 million difference between what is needed for the adopted plan and what can be expected based on the subscriptions.

Many congregations did increase their CMO commitment. Other congregations, for a variety of reasons, either kept their CMO commitment

the same or actually reduced it. Regardless of the amount, we are truly grateful for all gifts made or committed that support our common mission. But if CMO remains at the levels indicated, reductions for the coming fiscal year (which starts July 1) will need to be made.

Both the Synodical Council and the Conference of Presidents (COP) have been addressing this situation. The Synodical Council is responsible for maintaining a balanced budget. It has directed the areas of ministry to develop a prioritized list, totaling \$1.2 million, that states what existing ministry would need to be reduced and what new ministry could not take place if nothing changes. That list will be finalized at the end of April.

The COP is responsible for encouraging congregations to provide needed financial support for our mission and ministry. At its regular meeting next week, the COP will be discussing the best way to address this situation from the other direction (increased financial support) so that revisions to the planned work will not be necessary. Those plans will be

shared as soon as they are finalized in the coming days and weeks.

God continues to place many opportunities before us to proclaim the saving gospel to more and more people. We pray that God will bless our efforts to seize those opportunities and faithfully carry out the mission that God has given us.

Serving in Christ,
President Mark Schroeder

News from Our High Schools

FVL Choirs will perform a Sacred Choral Concert in the auditorium on Sunday, April 6 at 6:00 pm.

MLHS Easter Concert. Join us to worship with families from around the Federation , Wednesday 4/16 at 7pm. May we all reflect on the concert theme: "The Power of the Cross."

Glorify

Gather

Grow

Go

