

# MARCH 23, 2025



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... and all drank the same spiritual drink.  
For they drank from the spiritual Rock that  
followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

*1 Corinthians 10:4*

**Preservice Music: "Lord I Need You"**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **LSB #711 - Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us**

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care.  
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.

We are Yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You.

Early let us seek Your favor, Early let us do Your will;  
Blessèd Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

# Confession and Absolution

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

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

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray ... O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Scripture Readings

### Old Testament Reading - Ezekiel 33:7-20

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. <sup>10</sup>“And you, son of man, say to the house of

Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>12</sup>“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. <sup>13</sup>Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>14</sup>Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup>if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup>None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live. <sup>17</sup>“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. <sup>18</sup>When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. <sup>19</sup>And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. <sup>20</sup>Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle - 1 Corinthians 10:1–13**

<sup>1</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you

that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Holy Gospel - Luke 13:1-9

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

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

<sup>1</sup>There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” <sup>6</sup>And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ <sup>8</sup>And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. <sup>9</sup>Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Nicene Creed

**I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY**, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. **AND IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST**, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

**AND I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.  
**AMEN.**

## Children's Message & Children's Church

### LSB #761 - Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands, Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

## Message from God's Word

**"What's Your Rock?" - 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

*Thank you to Rev. Dr. William Mundt for leading us in worship today*

### LSB #722 – Lord, Take My Hand

Lord, take my hand and lead me, Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me, From day to day.  
Without Your grace and favor, I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,  
For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.  
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen, And night has come,  
I know that You will strengthen, My steps toward home.  
Then nothing can impede me, O blessèd Friend;  
So take my hand and lead me, Unto the end.

## Prayer of the Church

*Thank you for your financial support of our congregation.*

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or sent to the office by mail or Etransfers to [info@chilliwacklutheran.com](mailto:info@chilliwacklutheran.com)*

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For repentance and faith in Christ, that God would guard us from doubt and deliver us to life and salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For a faithful proclamation of truth, that God would embolden pastors to warn of sin and death and give all Christians strength to defend that message; and that sinners would be turned to life through the proclamation of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those in authority, that God who establishes justice by His Law, which is for all, would enlighten them to rule justly for true good, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those faithful women who have served this congregation in the role of a Pastor's wife that the Lord would continue to guide them, protect them, and pour out His love upon them, that they may keep growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord,

C **Lord have mercy**

P For all who commune, that the Lord who abounds in steadfast love would give them a holy fear of His wrath and faith in His promises in the body and blood of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who cry to the Lord for mercy, especially those named in our prayer requests and in our hearts ... Lord of life, You have brought us into Your vineyard and appointed us to bear good fruit. Receive our thanks for Your patience, and grant that we would show Your love and grace in all that we say and do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

# Service of the Sacrament

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;**

**Heav'n and earth with full acclaim, Shout the glory of Your name.**

**Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;**

**Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

C **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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

### Agnus Dei - LSB 210

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

## Distribution of the Lord's Supper

In the Lord's Supper the risen Lord Jesus Christ is at once the Giver and the Gift! By His own Word and promise, His very body and blood are really present in and with the bread and the wine. As we partake of this eternal food, we also testify to oneness in doctrine by those who receive the Sacrament together. For this reason, we ask those not instructed in our practices to speak with the Pastor before taking communion. In the meantime, you are invited to come forward, place your hand over your heart and receive a blessing from the Pastor.

### LSB #645 - Built on the Rock



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most  
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His  
4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how  
5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in  
High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His  
own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's  
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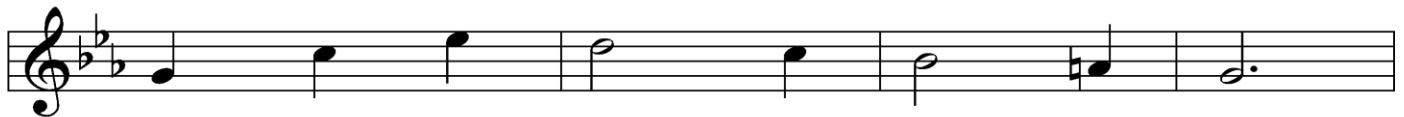




ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -  
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -  
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives  
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove  
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,  
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim  
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,  
 Choos - es to live with us in love,  
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,  
 You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.  
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.  
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.  
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

### In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
 this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled,  
 when strivings cease. My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ a lone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe!  
 This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.

'Til on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.

For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
 then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory, sin's curse as lost its grip on me;  
 for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

**There is a Redeemer**

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One  
*Thank You O my Father, For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit, Till the work on earth is done*  
Jesus my Redeemer name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah, O for sinners slain. *Chorus*

When I stand in glory I will see His face  
There I'll serve my King forever, In that holy place. *Chorus*

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*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

**O Lord, now let Your servant, Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory, Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles, Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding, Through all eternity.**

**Post-Communion Collect**

P Let us pray ... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.

C **Amen**

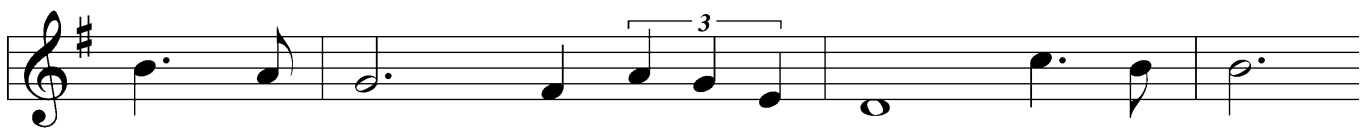
Special Presentation by Rev. Robert Mohns  
*Western Regional Pastor - Lutheran Church-Canada*  
 commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination  
 of Rev. Dr. William Mundt

### Prayer for the Meal

In honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of Pastor Mundt we are holding a Mission Lunch immediately following the worship service. Lunch is by donation with all proceeds going to support the work of one of Pastor Mundt's former students, Vicar Nikolaj Pohiliy, who serves in the Bashtanka region of Ukraine.

Donations will be accepted in the Hall, either cash or by debit/credit card. You may also e-transfer your mission gift to [info@chilliwacklutheran.com](mailto:info@chilliwacklutheran.com). Please designate the amount you wish to give for the Ukraine Mission Project.

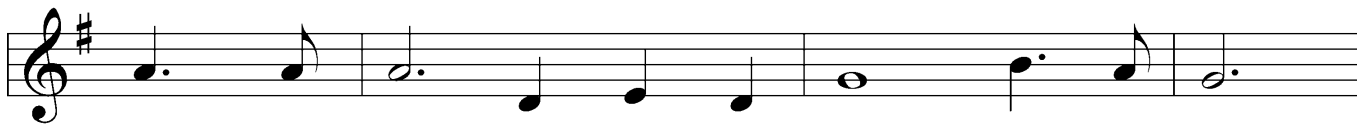
#### LSB #715 - Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me



1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me O - ver life's  
 2 As a moth - er stills her child, Thou canst hush  
 3 When at last I near the shore And the fear -



tem - pes - tuous sea; Un - known waves be - fore me roll,  
 the o - cean wild; Bois - t'rous waves o - bey Thy will  
 ful break - ers roar Twixt me and the peace - ful rest,



Hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal. Chart and com -  
 When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!" Won - drous Sov -  
 Then, while lean - ing on Thy breast, May I hear



pass come from Thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
 'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
 Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

## Rev. Dr. William Mundt



Dr. Mundt was ordained on March 23, 1975 at his home congregation in Crete, Nebraska. He studied at the Lutheran seminaries in Springfield, Illinois and Oberursel, Germany, receiving the Master of Divinity degree in 1974. He later obtained a doctorate degree from Utrecht University in the Netherlands. He served a vicarage in Connecticut before being called to Grace Lutheran Church, St. Catharines, Ontario and then Bethel Lutheran Church in Kitchener, Ontario.

Dr. Mundt was active in the formation of Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary in St. Catharines, first in preliminary meetings leading to its formation and then as adjunct faculty member. He entered full-time service at the seminary in August 2000, when he joined the faculty to teach dogmatics and evangelism. During his 15 years of teaching at CLTS, he also served at various times as Academic Dean, Dean of Students, Director of Field Education, Vicarage, and Placement, and Director of Development, and taught courses in Odessa, Thailand and Cambodia.

Dr. Mundt retired from full-time service at the seminary in 2015, though not from ministry to the church in Canada. He continues to serve regularly as a relief Pastor not only for our congregation at St. Paul's, but also for other congregations throughout southwestern BC.

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