



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## *The Fifth Sunday in Lent*

*Matthew 23-25*

*April 2, 2017*

*10:30 Holy Communion*

Today we read Jesus' "Judgment Discourse". It covers three chapters in Matthew's gospel and it is a parallel to the Sermon on the Mount near the beginning of the gospel. Jesus has many harsh words for the religious leaders of his day. Their priorities had become skewed and they were missing God's grace. May we learn from Jesus' words so as to never go astray.

*Welcome to worship today!*

If you are visiting with us we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the back of the sanctuary.

Nursery care is available during the service. Please see one of the ushers if you need more information.

# † GATHERING †

## Prelude and Announcements

Gathering Hymn Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross  
(For music see Hymn 335 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
there's a precious fountain;  
free to all, a healing stream  
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.**

*Refrain:* **In the cross, in the cross  
be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.**

2. **Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and morning star  
sheds its beams around me. *Refrain***

3. **Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
bring its scene before me;  
help me walk from day to day  
with its shadow o'er me. *Refrain***

4. **Near the cross I'll watch and wait,  
hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand  
just beyond the river. *Refrain***

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915. Music: William H. Doane, 1832-1915

Greeting (2 Corinthians 13:13)

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: People of God, why are you here?

**C: We have come to give thanks to God!**

**We do not go to church.**

**We are the church.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P: God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours.  
Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

*(A moment of silence for reflection)*

P: Merciful God,

**C: forgive us.**

**Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free.**

**We have spoken when we should have kept silent.**

A: We were silent when we should have said something.

**C: We acted when we knew better.**

A: We were still when we know we should have moved.

**C: For the wrong we have done, for the good we have failed to do, have mercy on us, oh God.**

P: People of God, look to the Son, given to heal you and set you free because God loved the world so much. Take hold of life – eternal life!

**C: Amen**

Hymn of Praise Kyrie

*For music turn to page 28 in the Blue Hymnal*

A: Kyrie eleison:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: Christie eleison:

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

A: Kyrie eleison:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

# † WORD †

## Children's Sermon

### Matthew 23 Introduction Skit

#### Scripture Reading Matthew 23-25

A1: Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, <sup>2</sup>“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; <sup>3</sup>therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. <sup>4</sup>They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. <sup>5</sup>They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. <sup>6</sup>They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, <sup>7</sup>and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. <sup>8</sup>But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. <sup>9</sup>And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. <sup>10</sup>Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. <sup>11</sup>The greatest among you will be your servant. <sup>12</sup>All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

**C: “But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!**

A2: For you lock people out of the kingdom of heaven. For you do not go in yourselves, and when others are going in, you stop them.

**C: Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!**

A3: For you cross sea and land to make a single convert, and you make the new convert twice as much a child of hell as yourselves.

**C: “Woe to you, blind guides,**

A4: who say, ‘Whoever swears by the sanctuary is bound by nothing, but whoever swears by the gold of the sanctuary is bound by the oath.’ <sup>17</sup>You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the sanctuary that has made the gold sacred? <sup>18</sup>And you say, ‘Whoever swears by the altar is bound by nothing, but whoever swears by the gift that is on the altar is bound by the oath.’ <sup>19</sup>How blind you are! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred? <sup>20</sup>So whoever swears by the altar, swears by it and by everything on it; <sup>21</sup>and whoever swears by the sanctuary, swears by it and by the one who dwells in it; <sup>22</sup>and whoever swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God and by the one who is seated upon it.

**C: “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!**

A2: For you tithe mint, dill, and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. It is these you ought to have practiced without neglecting the others. <sup>24</sup>You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel!

**C: <sup>25</sup>“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!**

A3: For you clean the outside of the cup and of the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. <sup>26</sup>You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup, so that the outside also may become clean.

**C: <sup>27</sup>“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!**

A4: For you are like whitewashed tombs, which on the outside look beautiful, but inside they are full of the bones of the dead and of all kinds of filth. <sup>28</sup>So you also on the outside look righteous to others, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

**C: <sup>29</sup>“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!**

A2: For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous, <sup>30</sup>and you say, ‘If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.’ <sup>31</sup>Thus you testify against yourselves that you are descendants of those who murdered the prophets. <sup>32</sup>Fill up, then, the measure of your ancestors. <sup>33</sup>You snakes, you brood of vipers! How can you escape being sentenced to hell? <sup>34</sup>Therefore I send you prophets, sages, and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town, <sup>35</sup>so that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. <sup>36</sup>Truly I tell you, all this will come upon this generation.

A1: <sup>37</sup>“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>38</sup>See, your house is left to you, desolate. <sup>39</sup>For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

**C: As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple.**

A2: <sup>2</sup>Then he asked them, “You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

**C: <sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”**

A3: <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>5</sup>For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Messiah!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>6</sup>And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. <sup>7</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: <sup>8</sup>all this is but the beginning of the birthpangs. <sup>9</sup>“Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. <sup>10</sup>Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. <sup>11</sup>And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. <sup>12</sup>And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. <sup>13</sup>But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>14</sup>And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

A4: <sup>15</sup>“So when you see the desolating sacrilege standing in the holy place, as was spoken of by the prophet Daniel (let the reader understand), <sup>16</sup>then those in Judea must flee to the mountains; <sup>17</sup>the one on the housetop must not go down to take what is in the house; <sup>18</sup>the one in the field must not turn back to get a coat. <sup>19</sup>Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing infants in those days! <sup>20</sup>Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a sabbath. <sup>21</sup>For at that time there will be great suffering, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. <sup>22</sup>And if those days had not been cut short, no one would be saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. <sup>23</sup>Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look! Here is the Messiah!’ or ‘There he is!’ —do not believe it. <sup>24</sup>For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. <sup>25</sup>Take note, I have told you beforehand. <sup>26</sup>So, if they say to you, ‘Look! He is in the wilderness,’ do not go out. If they say, ‘Look! He is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it. <sup>27</sup>For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup>Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

A1: <sup>29</sup>“Immediately after the suffering of those days  
the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light;

the stars will fall from heaven,  
and the powers of heaven will be shaken.

<sup>30</sup>Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see ‘the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven’ with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup>And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

**C: “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.**

A2: <sup>33</sup>So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>34</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>35</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

**C: <sup>36</sup>“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.**

A3: <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

**C: <sup>45</sup>“Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time?**

A4: <sup>46</sup>Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. <sup>47</sup>Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. <sup>48</sup>But if that wicked slave says to himself, ‘My master is delayed,’ <sup>49</sup>and he begins to beat his fellow slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards, <sup>50</sup>the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know. <sup>51</sup>He will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**C: “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.**

A1: <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

**C: “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;**

A2: <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?’ <sup>27</sup>Then you



ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

**C: “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.**

A3: <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

*After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of the Day      Amazing Grace  
(For music turn to Hymn 779 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.**
2. **'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!**
3. **Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.**
4. **The Lord has promised good to me;  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.**
5. **When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.**

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807; music W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. Edwin O Excell.

Nicene Creed

A: Let us confirm our faith with the Nicene Creed

**C: We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again,  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Prayers of Intercession*

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*The pastor will begin the prayer with a petition and then invites the congregation to add additional petitions and thanksgivings. Please conclude your petition with: Lord in your mercy,*

*The congregation will respond: **Hear our prayer.***

*The pastor concludes the prayer:*

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

*Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

*The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

† MEAL †

Offering and Special Music

Hymn of Thanksgiving Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord  
*For music turn to page 35 in the Blue Hymnal*

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence, Lord,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,

**C: we offer to you what is already your own: ourselves, our time and our possessions. Guide us so that we may use your gifts in the service of your will; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

*(Isaiah 6:3 - spoken)*

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

P: In the night in which he was handed over our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey and drink for the desert.

Communion Distribution

*Welcome to the Lord's Supper! All who are baptized are invited to receive communion. You will receive bread from the communion assistant. You may receive wine from either the common cup or in an individual glass. If you would like to receive in a glass please pick one up from the tray as you approach the altar rail. White grape juice is available in the individual glasses for those who do not wish to take wine. As we commune together everyone is invited to sing the following hymns:*

*Lamb of God (Page 39 of the Blue Hymnal)*

**351 O Sacred Head Now Wounded (Red Hymnal)**

**423 Shall We Gather at the River (Red Hymnal)**

Communion Blessing After all have communed the pastor will say:

P: The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray:

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for fairness, our alms a making of peace, and our prayer the song on grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## ✠ SENDING ✠

Blessing

P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn Shout to the Lord  
(For music turn to Hymn 821 in the Red Hymnal)

*Verse*

**My Jesus, my Savior,  
Lord there is none like you;  
All of my days  
I want to praise  
The wonders of your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter,  
Tower of refuge and strength;  
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am  
Never cease to worship You.**

*Chorus*

**Shout to the Lord all the earth  
Let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King;  
Mountains bow down**

**And the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,  
Forever I'll love You,  
Forever I'll stand,  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

*Repeat Verse and Chorus*

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*Dismissal*

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: God's Work. Our Hands.**

**Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers	Sue Kaufmann and Linda Flood
Acolyte	Sarah Brownlee
Altar Care	Joy Lethbridge
Communion Assistants	Nancy and Ivan Shuler
Nursery Care	Laura Stroup
Counters	Tom Kurilovitch and Helen Crown
Coffee Hour	Shulers – Communion Celebration

**Worship assistants for next Sunday, April 9**

Greeters and Ushers	Bruce and Diane Boncke
Acolyte	Sam Ehrlinger
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