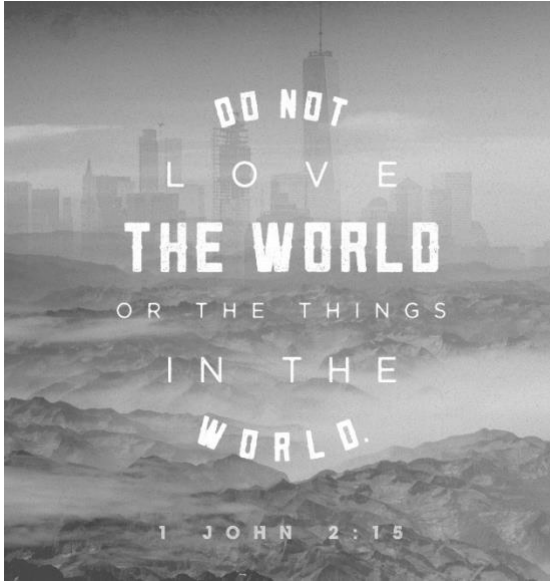


Grow ... Go ... Gather
April 3, 2022



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The Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Order of Service (DS 4, p. 203)

The Preservice Music, the Call to Worship and the Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 868, "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun Thy dai - ly
2 In con - ver - sa - tion be sin - cere, Thy con - science
3 All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept And hast re -
4 Lord, I my vows to Thee re - new; Dis - perse my



stage of du - ty run; Shake off dull sloth and
as the noon - day clear; Think how the all - see - ing
fleshed me while I slept; Grant, Lord, when I from
sins as morn - ing dew; Guard my first springs of



joy - ful rise To pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
God thy ways And all thy se - cret thoughts sur - veys.
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
thought and will And with Thy - self my spir - it fill.

- 5 Direct, control, suggest this day
All I design or do or say
That all my pow'rs with all their might
In Thy sole glory may unite.
- D 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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The Invocation, Confession and Absolution

LSB 203

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

C **Amen.**

The Kyrie *LSB 204*



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

The Salutation and Prayer of the Day *LSB 205*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C**Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the

wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.”

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Lesson: Philippians 3:8-14

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.
¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 20:9-20

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁹[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'?

¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Apostles' Creed (on the back cover of the hymnal)

The Hymn of the Day: LSB 433, "Glory Be to Jesus"



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!

Text: Italian, c. 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-78, alt.
Tune: Friedrich Fillitz, 1804-76
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The Sermon: 1 John 2:15-17, "Lent: A Time for Renewal of Priorities"

¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

The Offering

The Prayer of the Church and the Lord's Prayer

A Hymn: LSB 453, "Upon the Cross Extended" (Verses 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your
2 Come, see these things and pon - der, Your soul will
4 I caused Your grief and sigh - ing By e - vils
5 Your soul in griefs un - bound - ed, Your head with
6 Your cords of love, my Sav - ior, Bind me to



Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.
fill with won - der As blood streams from each pore.
mul - ti - ply - ing As count - less as the sands.
thorns sur - round - ed, You died to ran - som me.
You for - ev - er, I am no long - er mine.



The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly
Through grief be - yond all know - ing From His great heart came
I caused the woes un - num - bered With which Your soul is
The cross for me en - dur - ing, The crown for me se -
To You I glad - ly ten - der All that my life can



giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.
flow - ing Sighs well - ing from its deep - est core.
cum - bered, Your sor - rows raised by wick - ed hands.
cur - ing, You healed my wounds and set me free.
ren - der And all I have to You re - sign.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76; tr. John Kelly, 1833-90, alt.
Tune: Heinrich Isaac, c. 1450-1517
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Announcements and Blessing for Online Worshippers

T The Service of the Sacrament (208ff) T

The Preface

LSB 208

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.... Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

The Sanctus

LSB 208



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving *LSB 209*

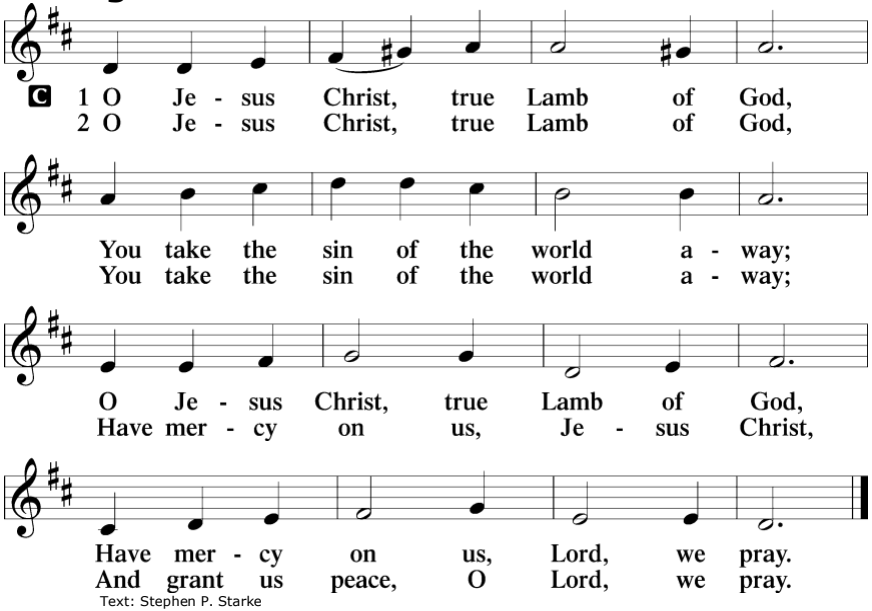
The Words of Institution *LSB 209*

The Pax Domini *LSB 209*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

The Agnus Dei

LSB 210



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.
Text: Stephen P. Starke

The Distribution (During the Distribution we will sing, LSB 628, “Your Table I Approach” and LSB 629, “What is the Bread”)

LSB 628 “Your Table I Approach”



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;
Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessed Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.

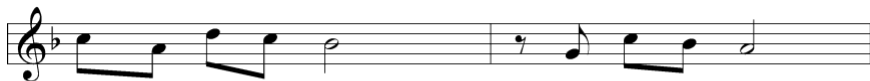
6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

Text: Gerhard Wolter Molanus, 1633–1722; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.
Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois
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LSB 629 “What Is This Bread”



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from the	dead:	This	bread	we	break,
Je - sus	shed	for mine;	The	cup	of	grace
live	and	He should	Un -	der	the	rod?
Word	and	prom - ise	In	mouth	and	soul
giv - en	and	set free!	I	do	be -	lieve



This	life	we	take,	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	His	em -	brace	Of	life	and	love	un -	til	I
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	You	not	for -	sak -	en
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru -	ly	pres -	ent	in	this
That	I	re -	ceive	His	ver -	y	bod -	y	and	His



lease.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.

Text: Frederic W. Baue, 1946
Tune: Jean Neuhauser Baue, 1951
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The Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

The Post-Communion Collect *LSB 212*

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom

which has no end; through Jesus Christ,
Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Benedicamus and Benediction *LSB 212*

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
T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: "Beneath the Cross" (Getty)

Verse 1

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I find a place to stand
And wonder at such mercy
That calls me as I am
For hands that should discard me
Hold wounds which tell me come
Beneath the cross of Jesus
My unworthy soul is won

Verse 2

Beneath the cross of Jesus
His family is my own
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams
Now one through grace alone
How could I now dishonor
The ones that You have loved

Beneath the cross of Jesus
See the children called by God

Verse 3

Beneath the cross of Jesus
The path before the crown
We follow in His footsteps
Where promised hope is found
How great the joy before us
To be His perfect bride
Beneath the cross of Jesus
We will gladly live our lives

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: April 3 – April 10

- TODAY:** **Coffee Hour** following the service
11:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:00 p.m. LWML
- Monday:** **6:30 p.m.** Monday Evening Worship
Service w/ Holy Communion
7:30 p.m. Council Meeting
- Wed:** **10:00 a.m.** Bible Study w/ Darrell
7:00 p.m. LENTEN WORSHIP
- Friday:** Pastor's Day off
- Saturday:** **8:30 a.m.** Men's Breakfast
- Sunday:** **8:00 a.m.** Gizmo Devotions on FB
9:30 a.m. WORSHIP at St James & FBL.
11:00 a.m. Bible Study

Those who serve Today:

Deacons: Bryan Ensing and Craig Popma

Ushers: Jim & Nancy Spears

Lector: Charlie Kirt

Organist/pianist: Beth McKay

Video/Sound/Recording: Nathan Urbanski

Those who serve Lenten Worship: April 6

Deacon: Jerry Talen

Ushers: Walt & Karen Kryzanowski

Those who serve Palm Sunday: April 10

Deacon: Bryan Ensing

Ushers: Nate, Kim, Hayden and Heath

Lector: Cindy McAuliffe

April Altar Guild: Deb, Kelsey and Lynelle Butler





HOLY WEEK CALENDARS are available in the main entryway for children ages 5-12. Please note ISJ students will receive the calendars at school.

Hope Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, would like to invite

congregation members to the **Installation** of their new Pastor;

Rev. Christopher Nuttelman.

The installation service will be held **NEXT SUNDAY** at **4:00 p.m.** Hope is located at 100 Packard Ave. SE Grand Rapids.

The last midweek Lenten service will be held on April 6. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be livestreamed on Facebook Live.

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: March 27, 2022

General Fund	\$2,557.00
Plate Collections	50.00
EGGS-traordinary Event	25.00
Memorials – Therese Kirt	175.00
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	Total: \$2,807.00
On-line giving	1,476.00
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	Total: \$4,283.00

Easter Breakfast

Friends in Faith is planning for the Easter Breakfast on Easter morning, **April 17th,** before the 9:30 AM church service. Everything will be provided through a generous donation so all we ask is that you preregister how many people will be attending. This way we

know how many to plan seating for and how much food to order.

There is a **sign-up sheet** by the office entry door. We will be serving promptly by 8:00 AM.



Our St. James LWML will be collecting items throughout the month of April to be given to Phil's Friends; an organization that provides Christ-centered support and hope to those affected by cancer.



A box is located in our church entryway for anyone from our congregation who would like to donate. Items needed: *women's fuzzy socks, fragrance-free 5oz. or smaller lotion, puzzle books (word search), journals (not spiral bound) and decks of playing cards.*

Also offered on a table in our entryway are *cards to color and directions/examples of short messages of hope to write within.* Phil's Friends will include these cards, and the other items we collect, in care packages that will be sent to individuals battling cancer.



Hey ladies! It is time to "Shower" Nikki Butler with love and you are invited to join in the fun!

Nikki and Brendan are expecting a baby girl in May which is coming quickly.

The shower will be held at St. James **NEXT SUNDAY** beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Nikki is registered at **Babylist.com**, so you can check out what she needs. If you would like to contribute to a group gift, you can donate through Kari Kippen or Sandra Schaeffer.

Please, RSVP by April 3rd to Kari Kippen at (616) 262-5124 OR karikippenrealtor@gmail.com.

We hope to see you there!

An EGGS-traordinary Easter EGGS-perience is almost here!

Our outreach will take place on the Saturday after Easter, **April 23** from 1-3. We have 7 exciting stations planned for our event. ISJ is partnering with us and will have their own Earth Day related booth as the event takes place on the day after Earth Day.



Thank you to everyone who volunteered to fill eggs. All the eggs have been passed out. If you would like to fill some eggs, please, purchase them on your own and mark the bag they are in with the words "New Eggs" and how many eggs are in the bag.

Thank you also to Friends in Faith and to the many individuals who donated money for children's Bibles. We are excited to be able to offer participating families a choice of Bibles for different age levels.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has volunteered. We have our event crew in place, but welcome any additional volunteers to lighten the load and make the day more fun for everyone! Volunteers will receive additional information soon.

So what do we need? We need donations of new or used "fat" watercolor markers. We could use some small Easter baskets for kids to borrow during the egg hunt. Additional prizes for games, such as bubbles, small balls, or skipping ropes are welcomed.

If you have any questions, please, speak to Sandra Schaeffer.



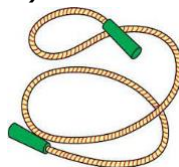
Walk for Good Food

The North End Wellness Coalition has invited our church to participate in the **45th Annual Walk for Good Food** (formerly known as the **Hunger Walk**). The walk was suspended the past two years but is being brought back this year. By donating to support Access of West Michigan, you can help create a good food system for everyone in our community.

Our plan is to support this effort as a church. There will be **envelopes in the bulletin** during the month of April that you can use to make a donation. Once we have the donations, we will present them to NEWC at the kick-off event at **Briggs Park** on **May 1**. Please consider donating to this worthy event cause. If you have any questions, please see Dale Rosema.

Please make any **checks payable to Access of West Michigan**. There will be details on how to donate electronically in the first April bulletin. Thank You.

Prayer Chain Requests – If you have a prayer request that you would like added to the prayer chain, please call Karen or Pastor Schaeffer at the church office (616-
363-7718) or send an email prayer





request to office@stjamesgr.com. Thank you!

The Men's Breakfast and Bible study will be this Saturday, April 9 at 8:30 a.m. We will begin our study of what it means to be a servant leader.

Who are you inviting to the Easter Sunday service? Easter is wonderful time of the year to invite someone to attend worship with you so that they can hear the life-changing, hope-filled news that Jesus is victorious over death. And, He promises that everyone who believes in Him will have everlasting life with Him!



Holy Week Services

- **Maundy Thursday** (with Holy Communion): April 14 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Good Friday:** April 15 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday** (with Holy Communion): April 17 at 9:30 a.m.
(**Easter Breakfast** prior to worship at 8am. Register on the sign-up sheet by the office)

Life Quote for Sunday, April 3:

"You and I are God's workmanship as well. In and of ourselves we have nothing to offer God. But He gave us His Son, eternal life, forgiveness of sins, as well as the grace to serve Him. By God's tender-mercies we are qualified to serve Him now and forevermore!"

Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan