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Quinquagesima

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Preservice music

A word of welcome to all from the pastor

Opening Song “Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds” #867

Let children hear the mighty deeds
Which God performed of old,
Which in our younger days we saw,
And which our parents told.

So make to them His glories known
His works of pow’r and grace;
And we’ll convey His wonders down
Through ev’ry rising race.

Our sons and daughters we shall tell
And they again to theirs
That generations yet unborn
May teach them to their heirs.

O teach them with all diligence
The truths of God’s own Word,
To place in Him their confidence,
To fear and trust their Lord,

To learn that in our God alone
Their hope securely stands,
That they may never doubt His love
But walk in His commands.

Invocation and prayer

Opening Psalm

Psalm 146...spoken responsively

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

**Glory be to the Father and to the son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

A Word of Confession and Forgiveness

Collect of the Day

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Song by the school children

“Christ Is Our Rock”

Readings

Old Testament:

Isaiah 35:3-7

³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Children's Message

by Principal Amy Duever

Epistle:

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part,

¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Solo "What I Know" by Tricia Brock sung by Natalie Doering

Gospel:

Luke 18:31-43

³¹And taking the twelve, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³²For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. ³³And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." ³⁴But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. ³⁵As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. ³⁷They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." ³⁸And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ³⁹And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁰And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹"What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." ⁴²And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." ⁴³ And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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 blessed Friend;
So take my hand and lead me
Unto the end.

Message

"That Dreadful Darkness"

Offering

Intercessions

Response "Lord, have mercy"

**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.**

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Benediction song by the hand bell choir "Go Now in Peace"

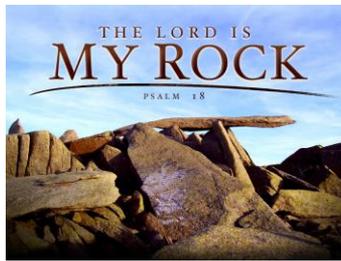
Closing Song "O God, Forsake Me Not" #731

O God, forsake me not!
Your gracious presence lend me;
Lord, lead Your helpless child;
Your Holy Spirit send me
That I my course may run.
O be my light, my lot,
My staff, my rock, my shield
O God, forsake me not!

O God, forsake me not!
Take not Your Spirit from me;
Do not permit the might
Of sin to overcome me.
Increase my feeble faith,
Which You alone have wrought.
O be my strength and pow'r
O God, forsake me not!

O God, forsake me not!
Lord, hear my supplication!
In every evil hour
Help me resist temptation;
And when the prince of hell
My conscience seeks to blot,
Be then not far from me
O God, forsake me not!

O God, forsake me not!
Lord, I am Yours forever.
O keep me strong in faith
That I may leave You never.
Grant me a blessed end
When my good fight is fought;
Help me in life and death
O God, forsake me not!



**Lutheran Schools Week
February 26th – March 4th, 2017**

Theme: Upon this Rock

“Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.” Is. 26:4

Sunday, February 26th: Worship at the School, 10:30 a.m.
Students hand out prayer rocks before the service
Sing during the service
LYF soup luncheon after the service

Monday, February 27th: *Pajama Day* (PreK-5)
Rock Paper Scissors School Competition

Tuesday, February 28th: *Class Gemstone Color Day* (K-5)
Pajama Day (PS)
Kdg: White 1st: Blue 2nd: Green 3rd: Purple 4th: Black 5th: Red
Edgerton Explorit Science Demonstration at 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 1st: Rock Star Day (PreK-5)
Chapel at 8:30 a.m.
Class Lip Sync Concert at 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 2nd: Rock Around the Clock 50's Day (PS-5)
Dress Rehearsal for Grandparent's Day
Rock Center Activities at 2:00 p.m.

Friday, March 3rd: We Will Rock You School Spirit Day (PreK-5)
Grandparent's Day Program at 10:00 a.m.
Early Dismissal (K-5) after program

Sunday, March 5th: School Roller-skating Party @ Rolla Rena
5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost: \$4/person