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Sermon Series: Crushed

**Today's Theme: *False Security Is Crushed
By Faithful Presence***

Welcome, guests! God's love welcomes you—no matter who you are or where you come from—and so do we. We believe that Jesus Christ is the true Savior of all people. By his perfect life, innocent death, and triumphant resurrection he saves all sinners even without our help. Jesus Christ makes us special people, right with God and ready for life! We learn this from the Bible, God's authentic message of grace and guidance for us. Whether you are a first time guest or a curious observer with little religious background, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again.

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CRUSHED

When someone is devastated or defeated or despondent we speak of him being "crushed." It could be due to some agonizing loss or unrealized dreams. It could be due to carrying a crushingly heavy load of guilt over some past mistake. In a broken world, it is simply a matter of time before we feel crushed. This is why we need Lent. The word Lent comes from an Old English word for Spring: "lengten," when the days grow longer. For 1400 years the Church has set aside the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter as a time of repentance and renewal. Believers humbly acknowledge that sin is the ultimate source of all the crushing moments in life. Our sin even crushed Christ. Yet, on Easter Sunday, Jesus took up his life again. Our Savior crushed both death and the serpent's head. Yes, Lent is a solemn season. But it is also a season of great hope. With the psalmist we say, "The Lord saves those who are crushed in spirit."

EXPLANATION OF THE THEME OF THE DAY:

Where is God? This is one of human beings' most frequently-asked and incorrectly-answered questions. We are tempted to believe that evidence of God's presence is found in outward circumstances. We equate good fortune with God's favor and bad fortune with his judgment. So, as long as nothing terrible is happening, God must not be too angry with us, right? We are free to go on sinning. Such foolish assumptions must be crushed. Therefore, God must constantly remind us where he intends to be found—in the gospel. He makes himself present in Word and sacraments. Because he is always present, we realize the urgent need to turn away from the sin he despises. Because his presence is graciously hidden, we are drawn to him for forgiveness rather than driven away from him in fear.



GATHERING RITE FOR LENT

Remember Your Love

**Solo voice will introduce the refrain. Congregation will repeat the refrain.
Solo voice will sing the verses. Congregation will repeat the refrain as indicated.*

Refrain: ♪ Remember your love and your faithfulness, O Lord.
Remember your people and have mercy on us, Lord.

*The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom should I fear?
The Lord is my life and my refuge, when I call God hears. Refrain*

*If you dwelt, O Lord, upon our sinfulness, then who could stand?
But with you there is mercy and forgiveness and a guiding hand. Refrain*

*O Lord, hear the sound of my call and answer me.
My heart cries out for your presence; it is you I seek. Refrain*

*As watchman who waits upon the daylight, wait for the Lord.
I trust in your kindness and redemption and your faithful word. Refrain*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Brothers and Sisters, let us turn with trust to God our Father, who is merciful and compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, and ask him to accept the repentance of his people who humbly confess their sins, and to grant us mercy.

CONFESSION OF SIN

In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. Amen.

Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should, I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

Lord Jesus, obedient in the desert: Lord, have mercy.
♪ Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, the promise of salvation: Christ, have mercy.
♪ Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, the flood of living water: Lord, have mercy.
♪ Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

[The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners] (The Small Catechism, First: What is the use of the keys?). See John 20:21-23]

Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

Amen.

♪ *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[The Prayer of the Day summarizes the theme of the day.]

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

[Like Mary, we sit at the feet of Jesus to hear his Word. (Luke 10:39)]

FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-15

The Lord reveals his presence to Moses as flames within a bush, fire that warms and gives light, yet does not consume.

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³ So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." ⁴ When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." ⁵ "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. ⁷ The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹² And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain." ¹³ Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.'

"This is my name forever,
the name you shall call me
from generation to generation. "

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

[As they worshiped, Old Testament believers responded to readings from the Scriptures by singing psalms. We continue this custom in the divine service.]

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PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 85A
CWH

Refrain: LORD, in your mercy hear my prayer; your goodness never fails

You, LORD, forgave the iniquity of your / people
and covered / all their sins,
You set aside / all your wrath
and turned from your fierce/ anger.
Show us your unfailing / love, LORD,
and grant us your sal- / vation.

Refrain

I will listen to what God the / LORD says;
he promises peace to his / people.
Surely his salvations is those who / fear him,
that his glory may dwell / in our land.
Love and faithfulness meet to- / gether;
righteousness and peace kiss each / other.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen**

Refrain

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

God revealed his presence among the nation of Israel. Instead of his presence leading to repentant faith, the people of Israel, with a sense of false security, set their hearts on evil.

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ² They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³ They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴ and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry." ⁸ We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. ⁹ We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. ¹⁰ And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. ¹¹ These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. ¹² So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

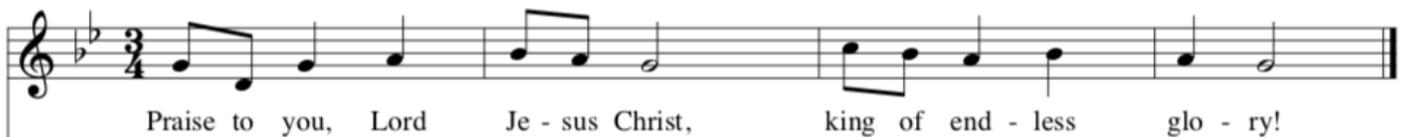
[It has been a tradition in the Christian church to stand for the reading of the gospel for the past 2,000 years. Just as subjects rise when a king speaks, we rise out of respect for the words of our King.]

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

[The Gospel Acclamation is a familiar scripture that compliments the theme of the day and prepares our hearts to hear the Gospel reading.]

**Solo voice will introduce the refrain. Congregation will repeat the refrain.
Solo voice will sing the verse. Congregation will join in the refrain.*



He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

(2 Peter 3:9)

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

A life with no problems can lead to false security. We are tempted to think those experiencing hardship are the ones who need to repent. Jesus reminds us that we all need to repent, regardless of life's circumstances.

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." ⁶ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷ So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' ⁸ "Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

CHILDRENS' SERMON

The children are invited to come to the front to sit with Pastor Horn.

**The Hymn of the Day is chosen because of its strong connection to the Gospel Reading.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Delay Not! Delay Not!

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Delay Not! Delay Not



1 De - lay not! De - lay not! O sin - ner, draw near!
2 De - lay not! De - lay not, O sin - ner, to come,
3 De - lay not! De - lay not! The Spir - it of grace,
4 De - lay not! De - lay not! The hour is at hand;
5 De - lay not! De - lay not! Why long - er a - buse



The wa - ters of life are now flow - ing for you.
For mer - cy still lin - gers and calls you to - day.
Long grieved and re - sist - ed, may take his sad flight
The earth will dis - solve, and the heav - ens will fade.
The love and com - pas - sion of Je - sus, your God?



No price is de - mand - ed; the Sav - ior is here.
Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;
And leave you in dark - ness to fin - ish your race,
The dead, small and great, in the Judg - ment must stand—
A foun - tain is o - pened—how can you re - fuse?



Re - demp - tion is pur - chased; God's prom - ise is true.
Its mes - sage, un - heed - ed, will soon pass a - way.
To sink in the gloom of e - ter - ni - ty's night.
What pow'r, then, O sin - ner, can lend you its aid?
Come, wash and be cleansed in his par - don - ing blood.

Text: Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872, alt.
Tune: MALDWYN (11 11 11 11) Welsh melody, 17th century.

A Crushed Life Bears Fruit**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*† Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the **Nicene Creed** in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.*

**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 Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We believe in one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

[The Prayer for the Church includes prayers for our brothers and sisters in our congregation. Since we belong to something bigger than ourselves, the Christian Church, we pray for the needs and struggles of all God's people on earth.]

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who willingly died under the curse of this world's sin so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessing. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *(Sanctus)*

*Isaiah 6:3 This is the song of the angels in heaven. *Sanctus means "holy." Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century.*

1 O holy, holy, holy
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.

2 Hosanna in the highest!
How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming
To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!

*Sung to the hymn tune of 372
CW:93*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28 , 1 Corinthians 11:24,25

†As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my $\frac{\text{A}}{\text{T}}$ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my $\frac{\text{A}}{\text{T}}$ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

PAX DOMINI (*John 20:19,21,26*)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

*John 1:29 *Jesus is God's Lamb (Latin: Agnus Dei), who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.*

LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION*

**The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing
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Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In your
 2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci -
 3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the
 4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By your
 5 O my God, my Rock and Tow - er, Grant that



ho - ly wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that
 nate my sin - ful mind, Let me think a -
 broad and eas - y road, With se - duc - tive,
 wounds, Lord, is made whole; When I'm weak, your
 in your death I trust, Know - ing death has



I am feel - ing Pains of bod - y and of mind.
 bout your pas - sion, And new cour - age I shall find.
 sin - ful vic - es, Let me think a - bout the load
 cross re - vives me, Grant - ing new life to my soul.
 lost his pow - er Since you crushed him in the dust.



Should some e - vil thought with - in Tempt my treach - 'rous
 Or should Sa - tan press me hard, Let me then be
 You were will - ing to en - dure; Then I'll flee all
 Yes, your com - fort ren - ders sweet Ev - 'ry bit - ter
 Sav - ior, let your ag - o - ny Ev - er help and



heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from sin - ning
 on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was wound - ed,"
 thoughts im - pure, Mas - ter - ing each wild temp - ta - tion,
 cup I meet; For your all - a - ton - ing pas - sion
 com - fort me; When I die be my pro - tec - tion,



Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.
 That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.
 Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.
 Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.
 Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

SONG OF SIMEON† (*Nunc Dimittis*)

Luke 2:29-32

Sung to the hymn tune of 368

CW:93

1 O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
Incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

PRAYER

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

(The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" [Numbers 6:27].)

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.

Amen.

Serving at Worship

Pastor Donn Dobberstein

Pianist: Liz Schmidt-Sampson

Soloist: Paul Horn

Violinists: Becky, Calliope and Sophia Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY BIBLE HOUR

Pre-K—6th Grade—Bible history stories and how they point to Christ

7th-8th Graders—Catechism: studying the Baptism section of the catechism

Teens, College Students and Adults—We are beginning a new study on the topic of **Forgiveness**. *Forgiveness is always personal. It's incredibly difficult to do. But it's never optional. When someone offends us, the temptation not to forgive is great. But the roots of unforgiveness and bitterness can grow deep in the human soul. Left alone, unforgiveness produces bitter fruit that shows itself in angry thoughts, words and deeds. Eventually, it will destroy us from the inside out. Through this study, you will learn of the rich, life-altering teaching God's Word offers about forgiveness. Your heart will soften as you learn of Jesus' forgiveness for you. And, most important, you'll be encouraged to extend that same forgiveness to others.*



Our next Mornings with Mommy session will be held this next **Thursday, March 24th from 10:00-11:00am**. The theme will be **Moon, Stars and Nighttime**. This is great opportunity for parents, grandparents and guardians to spend some special time with their little ones. Spread the word!

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY CHOIR CONCERT AT LAMB OF GOD

On **Saturday, March 26th at 2:00pm**. We will be providing a meal after the service for the choir and those in attendance. **If you would like to be the coordinator for this meal, please see Pastor Horn.**

VOTERS' MEETING

Please join us after our church service on **Sunday, April 3rd**, as we hold our annual Voters' Meeting. We'll discuss the state of our congregation, ask for input on building and renovation projects, ratify the 2022-2023 budget and ratify membership changes. We hope you can join us for these very important conversations.

MUSIC AND ART CAMP 2022

This year's camp will be held **June 6th-10th**. Registration information will be coming soon!

EASTER BRUNCH

Sign up for our **Easter Brunch** was sent out in an email in the past couple of weeks. If you are able to contribute to one or more of the needed areas, we would greatly appreciate your assistance.

LANDSCAPING ASSISTANCE NEEDED

We need some assistance with some landscaping work prior to our Spring Clean-Up Day. If you are able to help out, **please contact Don Correll at 765-490-5894.**

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY AT CHURCH

Please join us on **Saturday, April 9th** as we work to beautify our property and church after the long winter. Bring your rakes and gloves, shovels and trowels. We'll be sprucing up our property in time for our Easter guests!

Prayer Requests

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

Keep in your prayers this week: All those in our midst who may be dealing with physical ailments, emotional hurts or the loss of a loved one; for JW Holmes who continues to recovery from open heart surgery; for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Ukraine and all those who are suffering in the war in Ukraine; for the Ukrainian Army as they fight to keep their country; for our American troops as they await further orders; for our Mornings with Mommy ministry as well as for our Jesus Cares ministry that we might reach the Greater Lafayette area with the message of Jesus; that the Holy Spirit would work in the hearts of all those who join us for worship each Sunday; for all those who are suffering from abuse in the home, that they might seek help; that the Lord grant wisdom to Governor Holcomb, President Biden, Vice President Harris, and the United State Congress; for the current state of our world, that we remember our God is still in charge and will sustain us and give us what we need; that our Lord would give us the means to show the love of Christ as we support our neighbors in need.

Midweek Lenten Services—**Wednesdays, March 23rd—April 6th at 7:00pm**

March 23rd— *What to Remember When You Are Seized With Remorse*

March 30th— *The Semblance of Legality*

April 6th— *A Part for the Whole?*

Holy Week Services

Passion Sunday, April 10th at **10:30am**

Maundy Thursday, April 14th at **7:00pm**

Good Friday, April 15th at **7:00pm**

Easter Sunday—April 17th

Easter Festival Service at **10:30am**

Easter Brunch **after the service**

