

“UNLESS A
kernel of wheat

FALLS TO THE
GROUND AND DIES,
IT REMAINS ONLY A
SINGLE SEED.

BUT IF IT DIES,
IT PRODUCES
many seeds.”

JOHN 12:24, NIV

PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 118:19-29

Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, And I will praise the LORD. 20 This is the gate of the LORD, Through which the righteous shall enter. 21 I will praise You, For You have answered me, And have become my salvation. 22 The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. 23 This was the LORD's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes. 24 This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it. 25 Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity. 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD. 27 God is the LORD, And He has given us light; Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar. 28 You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You. 29 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Speakers: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organists: Barry Hay & Ann Sprengeler

Services are streamed live to the
TV in the kitchen (channel 4).

Hymn 162 — Ride On, Ride On In Majesty

INVOCATION

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

C  A-men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth, In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C  A-men.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise; Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing. We worship You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, You bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won, Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord, At God's right hand in majesty most high: Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored, With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

P Let us pray . . . Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through Jesus Christ your son, our Lord, who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever.

C  A-men.


THE WORD

Zechariah 9:9-12 “ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey. 10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; The battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion shall be ‘from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.’ 11 “ As for you also, Because of the blood of your covenant, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. 12 Return to the stronghold, You prisoners of hope. Even today I declare That I will restore double to you.

Philippians 2:5-11 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, **II** and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P Blessed are they who hear the
Word of God and keep it!

C  Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE NICENE CREED

All 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 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.

Hymn 160 — All Glory, Laud, And Honor

SERMON

John 12:20-43 Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast. 21 Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” 22 Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus. 23 But Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. 24 “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. 25 “He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 “If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor. 27 “ Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour. 28 “Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, saying, “I have both glorified it and will glorify it again.” 29 Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to Him.” 30 Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come because

of Me, but for your sake. 31 “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. 32 “And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.” 33 This He said, signifying by what death He would die. 34 The people answered Him, “We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this Son of Man?” 35 Then Jesus said to them, “A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. 36 “While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.” These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them. 37 But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, 38 that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: “Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?” 39 Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again: 40 “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, Lest they should see with their eyes, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.” 41 These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.


42 Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

WHO IS THIS SON OF MAN?

He is lifted up. No doubt the Greeks were seeking to be His disciples, but were they willing to follow Him into death? Jesus warns that the cost is great but the glory that follows is worth the cost.

He is the light. The people heard the testimony of the Father but were not willing to accept it. Jesus warns that the judgement is near, now is the time to repent and live in the light.

He is the Messiah. Despite the miracles, many pharisees would not believe because of the Law. Yet even in this He has fulfilled the Law.

C  Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold me with Your Spirit free.

Hymn 367 – Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus

OFFERING

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT


P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord


P It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, Who gave Your Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

C  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 Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



C  O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life restored, Impart Your joy, our faith increase. Sustain with Your mercy and grant us Your peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

We ask that only members of Faith Lutheran Church or the CLC come forward to receive the Lord’s Supper. Visitors are welcome to speak to the pastor after the service.

Hymn 163 – The Death Of Jesus Christ Our Lord

THANKSGIVING

- C  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 Gentils 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.
- P Go in peace, Serve the Lord with gladness.
- C  My heart has now become Your dwelling, O blessed, holy Trinity. With angels I, Your praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. Lord, may Your body and Your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

THE BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord
make His face shine upon you and be gracious
to you. The Lord lift up His countenance
upon you and give you peace.

C  A-men A-men A-men.

Hymn 725 — No Tramp of Soldiers Marching Feet

Calendar:

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 3/25

9am Palm Sunday Service (Communion)

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

1pm Easter Caroling

5pm Faith Alive Meeting

Thursday 3/29

7pm Holy Thursday Service (Communion)

Friday 3/30

1:30pm Good Friday Service (Communion)

Sunday 4/1

7am Early Easter Service (Communion)

8:30am Easter Brunch

10am Late Easter Service (Communion)

ENVELOPE COMMITTEE

This Week: Team #4:

Mitch Newton, Andy Kohn

Next Week: Team #5:

Mark Kempenaar, Jim Kok

MARCH SUNDAYS &

GOOD FRIDAY USHERS

John Bobek, Dan Thiem, Dale

Muehlenhaupt, Russ Denson

LENT WEDNESDAYS, MAUNDY THURSDAY & EASTER EARLY SERVICE USHERS

Bob Kirst, Bob McElroy, Mark

Brown-Kempenaar, Randy Haight

FRUITS OF FAITH

Attendance: 185 / 34

General Fund: \$3,086

Missions Fund: \$215

\$50 Stain Glass Windows in memory of Roger Stellmacker

Announcements:

GUEST AND VISITORS

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please sign the guest register in the entry as you leave the church today.

EASTER LILIES

Today is your last chance to sign up for Easter lilies. Sign up sheet is on bulletin board.

EASTER BRUNCH

Easter brunch next Sunday between the early and late Easter services.

EASTER CAROLING

Join us for easter caroling this afternoon.

ADULT CHOIR

Adult Choir meet with Vanessa near piano after church.

CLC YOUTH CAMP REGISTRATION

is coming up! You will be able to register online (the website will be up in the next month) on March 25 at 3:00pm CST.

Camp this year will be held at Camp JIM in Pillager, MN. The cost will be \$175/camper and campers entering grades 6-12 are eligible. You can check out our Facebook page for more updates. Stay warm!

THE MIDWEST CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT,

sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, will be held April 20-22, 2018, at the Riverport Inn & Suites, Winona, MN. This year's theme is: "That Your Joy may be Full!"

Registration is open 2/1/18 - 3/23/18. The retreat fee is \$75. All the hotel costs and reservation information, as well as retreat registration information can be found at www.ladiesretreat.cclutheran.net.

BLACK HILLS FAMILY BIBLE CAMP

Camping in the beauty of the Black Hills, studies in the beauty of God's Word.

All ages are welcome, children will need to be accompanied by a chaperon or family. There will also be many outdoor activities such as hiking, swimming, caving, fishing, kayaking, bonfires, s'mores etc...

The dates are Friday evening July 13th through Tuesday morning July 17th. If you interested there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Even if you aren't sure if you can make it you can still sign up as interested.

FROM ANDREW ROEHL

To the members at Faith in Markesan,
I have received your call to serve as principle and teacher in your Christian day school. As I prayerfully consider this call, please pray that the Lord's will be done. Your shared thoughts and insights would be appreciated as I deliberate this call.

Your brother in the faith, Andrew Roehl

CALL NEWS

Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, has called Mrs. Erin Radichel to teach kindergarten part-time in the afternoons.



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