



WELCOME

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TODAY'S SERVICE

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Organists:

Barry Hay & Ann Sprengeler

Liturgy:

Liturgy: Setting One

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 85

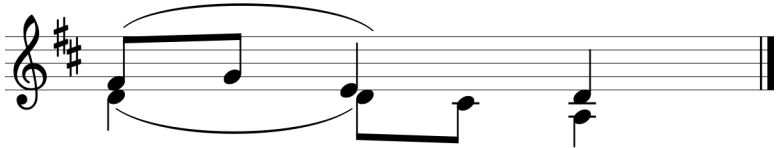
LORD, You have been favorable to Your land; You have brought back the captivity of Jacob. 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people; You have covered all their sin. Selah 3 You have taken away all Your wrath; You have turned from the fierceness of Your anger. 4 Restore us, O God of our salvation, And cause Your anger toward us to cease. 5 Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations? 6 Will You not revive us again, That Your people may rejoice in You? 7 Show us Your mercy, LORD, And grant us Your salvation. 8 I will hear what God the LORD will speak, For He will speak peace To His people and to His saints; But let them not turn back to folly. 9 Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, That glory may dwell in our land. 10 Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed. 11 Truth shall spring out of the earth, And righteousness shall look down from heaven. 12 Yes, the LORD will give what is good; And our land will yield its increase. 13 Righteousness will go before Him, And shall make His footsteps our pathway.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Hymn 323 — With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh

INVOCATION

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



C A - men.

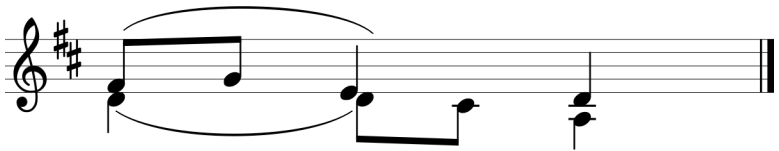
CONFESSION OF SINS

P Beloved of God: let us draw near with a true heart
and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him,
in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us
forgiveness.

All Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we
confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned
against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We

have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



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A - men.



C

Lord, have, mer - cy on us.



Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy



on us.



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Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to all people on earth. Lord God,



heavenly king, al - mighty God and Fa - ther; We



wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo-ry. Lord Je - sus



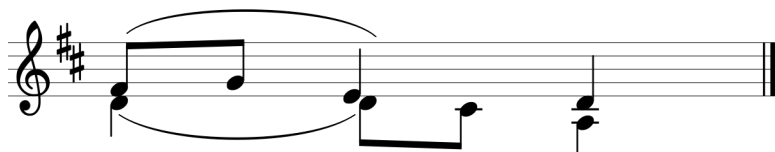
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God: You take a - way the

sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. You are
 3
 seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re-
 6
 ceive our prayer For You a-lone are the
 9
 Ho - ly One, You alone are the Lord,
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 You alone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
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 with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
 9
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

P Let us pray . . . O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ your son, our Lord, who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

THE WORD

Ezekiel 33:7-20 “So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me. 8 “When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you shall surely die!’ and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. 9 “Nevertheless if you warn the

wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul. 10 “Therefore you, O son of man, say to the house of Israel: ‘Thus you say, “If our transgressions and our sins lie upon us, and we pine away in them, how can we then live?”’ 11 “Say to them: ‘As I live,’ says the Lord GOD, ‘I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?’ 12 “Therefore you, O son of man, say to the children of your people: ‘The righteousness of the righteous man shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall because of it in the day that he turns from his wickedness; nor shall the righteous be able to live because of his righteousness in the day that he sins.’ 13 “When I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, but he trusts in his own righteousness and commits iniquity, none of his righteous works shall be remembered; but because of the iniquity that he has committed, he shall die. 14 “Again, when I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ if he turns from his sin and does what is lawful and right, 15 “if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has stolen, and walks in the statutes of life without committing

iniquity, he shall surely live; he shall not die. 16 “None of his sins which he has committed shall be remembered against him; he has done what is lawful and right; he shall surely live. 17 “Yet the children of your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not fair.’ But it is their way which is not fair! 18 “When the righteous turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he shall die because of it. 19 “But when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is lawful and right, he shall live because of it. 20 “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not fair.’ O house of Israel, I will judge every one of you according to his own ways.”

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, 2 all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. 5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. 6 Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. 7 And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As

it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.” 8 Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; 9 nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; 10 nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

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

C

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

These words are written that we may believe that

Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of
the virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was
crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into
hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; He
ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty. From there He will
come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian
Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness
of sins, The resurrection of the body and
the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 500 — May God Bestow on Us His Grace

SERMON

Luke 13:1-9 There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 And Jesus answered and said to them, “Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? 3 “I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. 4 “Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? 5 “I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.” 6 He also spoke this parable: “A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. 7 “Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, ‘Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?’ 8 “But he answered and said to him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. 9 ‘And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.’”

Christ Does Everything Possible to Bring Us to Repentance

The proper attitude when we see others suffer is not to judge them but to repent ourselves. Such repentance is absolutely necessary since sin cannot enter the presence of God. Yet it is beyond our power to produce such repentance. Therefore Christ the gardener does everything He can to create repentance in us. Being thus watered and fertilized by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God we will grow and produce fruits of faith to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



C

Cre - ate in me a



clean heart, O God. Re - new a right



spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Your presence; take not Your Ho-ly



Spir-it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold me with Your free



Spir - it.


Hymn 158 — [MFH 60] Glory Be To Jesus

OFFERING



Lord, You love the cheerful giv-er

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Who with o - pen heart and hand



Blesses free-ly, as a riv-er That re - freshes



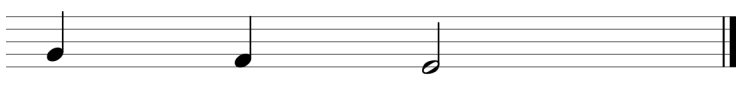
all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of



giving with a spirit large and true That our



life and all our liv-ing We may con - se -



crate to You.

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All 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 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 320:1-4 — Lord Jesus Think on Me

Announcements

THIS WEEK

Sunday 3/24

9am Worship Service

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

3:00pm Game Night

Wednesday 3/27

7pm Midweek Lent Service

Thursday 3/28

4pm Confirmation Class

Saturday 3/30

Private Confession

Sunday 3/31

9am Communion Service

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

UPCOMING

March 24th - Game Night at Church

April 13th – Easter Caroling

April 14th - 21st - Holy Week

April 21st - Easter Sunday

April 28th - Faith Alive

ENVELOPE COMMITTEE

This Week: Team #4: Russ Denson, Gary Quade

Next Week: Team #5: Bill Jenkins, Wayne Draeger

MARCH SUNDAY USHERS

John Bobek, Bob McElroy, Dale Muehlenhaupt, Russ Denson

MARCH WEDNESDAY USHERS

Matt Dumke, Randy Strelow, Randy Haight, Kevin Champion

FRUITS OF FAITH

Attendance: 110 / 29

General: \$5928

Missions: \$420

Building: \$80

School: \$25

PRIVATE CONFESSION

I will try to be in my office (at church) the saturday before communion Sundays for private confession for any who would like it or if you have some other reason for visiting me. - Pastor

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter services this year will be at 7am and 9am with a potluck breakfast in between.

ILHS VISITOR DAY

Students (grades 7 and up, parents, pastors, and teachers are invited to attend Immanuel Lutheran High School Visitors Day in Eau Claire, WI on Friday, April 26. Visitors will have an opportunity to experience firsthand what it would be like to attend Immanuel. The Immanuel Band will perform a concert in the gym at 7:00 pm, followed by a theater performance of The Beverly Hillbillies at 7:30 pm. Please register at www.ilc.edu by Friday, April 19.

SCHOOL NOTES

VBS this summer will be Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World.

We discussed the possibility of hosting VBS outside at one of the city parks.

School security program has been approved by the state, funds should be on their way.

No confirmations this year.

School board discussed possibility of extending preschool to five days a week.

\$1104 in school account at end of February.

UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES:

End of 3rd Quarter, March 22

Spring Break, April 15 - 22

End of Year School Program, May 5

No School, Monday May 27

Last Day of School, May 31

LETTER FROM TREASURER

Dear Members of Faith

Last Wednesday I was able to finalize a 20,000 line of credit at Ergo Bank (formerly Farmers State Bank). We needed this partially from the purchase and installation of the security system in and around the School and Church building. We are approved for a state grant to get reimbursed for this but their timing for the reimbursement is yet to be determined. When we voted and approved the purchase it appeared the general fund had sufficient funds to make this feasible without borrowing any money, but things happen. Our annual operating expenses for the general fund has crept up to \$200,000 which may not sound like that much but it is \$3,850 per week. When I consider our historical giving it will take an average Sunday attendance of 112 to reach that amount which to me that looks impossible. During

my last term as treasurer I was astonished by how God worked to make what I thought was impossible - seemingly easy. At that time, we were able to pay off a \$20,000 loan and generate a nice \$30,000 cushion. Is this time different? We do have some decisions in front of us that need careful and prayerful consideration but isn't that always the case. Please continue to look to God and pray for our congregation and its finances.

John Bobek
Treasurer

PEOPLE'S BIBLES

The church library currently has two sets of the People's Bible, however some of the books are missing. If anyone has any of these that belong to the church we would ask that you return them or at least let Marsha know that you are currently using them. We would like to ascertain which if any of the books we may need to replace. Your help in this matter is much appreciated.

COUNCIL NOTES

There was much discussion concerning shortage in offerings.

\$15,509 - Our total income for February

\$18,706 - Our total expenses for February

-\$3,197 - Our loss for February

-\$9,318 - Checking account at the end of February

The state of Wisconsin still owes us about \$20,000. We don't know when these funds will be coming but the financial report has been approved as of March 5.

Please see note from treasurer for more information about our church finances.

Mission offerings total for this quarter are currently at \$2,750. Our goal for the quarter is \$10,000. We only have one month remaining in the quarter.

The council discussed the possibility of accepting electronic offerings.

Jim Brown is working on fixing the lights in the classrooms.

Dan Thiem will keep an eye on the LP tanks for now.

Stain glass windows are at a pause for now. Total cost would be around \$80,000 on the low side.

Currently we have \$10,000 in the stain glass window fund. Also the lady in Appleton who has been working on the designs would like a better idea of what we want before she moves forward.

EASTER CAROLING

Easter caroling is scheduled for Saturday April 13th. Meet at the church at 2pm.

CALL NEWS

Teacher Paul Tiefel III of Messiah of Eau Claire, WI has received the call to be principal and teacher of St. John's in Clarkston, WA.

Teacher Andrew Roehl of Messiah Lutheran of Eau Claire WI, has received the call to be principal and teacher of St. John's Lutheran School of Okabena, MN.

Pastor Mark Bernthal of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran of Middleton, WI, has received the call to be pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church of Corpus Christi, TX.

Teacher Neil Bernthal of Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven, FL, has received the call to be teacher and principal of Faith Lutheran School of Markesan, WI.

Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Mankato, MN has returned the call to be pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church, Morris, MN.

Missionary Peter Evensen has accepted the call to serve as the in-

terim vacancy pastor of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church in Morris, MN until he travels to Togo, Africa in the beginning of May.

Teacher Nathan Wales of West Columbia, SC has resigned his teaching call at Holy Trinity Lutheran School effective the end of this school year.



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