

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

**“WORSHIP
THE LORD
YOUR GOD,
AND SERVE
ONLY HIM.”**

MATTHEW 4:10, NRSV



MARCH 8, 2026

WELCOME

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

TODAY'S SERVICE

March 8th, 2026

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 95:1-9

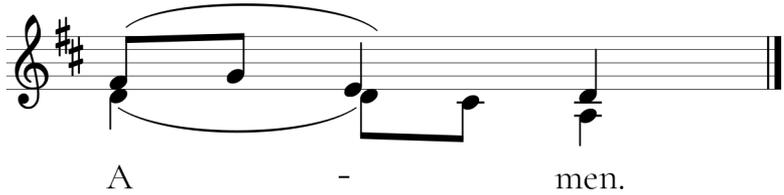
Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. ² Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. ³ For the LORD is the great God, And the great King above all gods. ⁴ In His hand *are* the deep places of the earth; The heights of the hills *are* His also. ⁵ The sea *is* His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry *land*. ⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. ⁷ For He *is* our God, And we *are* the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice: ⁸ "Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, As *in* the day of trial in the wilderness, ⁹ When your fathers tested Me; They tried Me, though they saw My work.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#140:1-4 Jesus I Will Ponder Now

INVOCATION

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

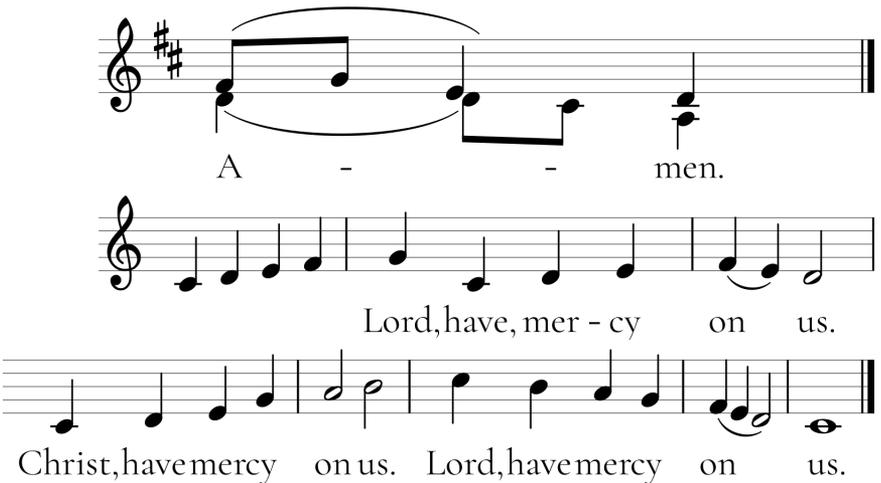


CONFESSION OF SINS

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.

all 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.



A - - - men.

Lord, have, mer - cy on us.

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



Glo - ry to God, we
Lord Je - sus Christ, the
A - lone, O Christ, You



give You thanks and praise; Of heav'n - ly
Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You bore for
on - ly are the Lord, At God's right



joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship
us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
hand in maj-es - ty most high: Who, with the

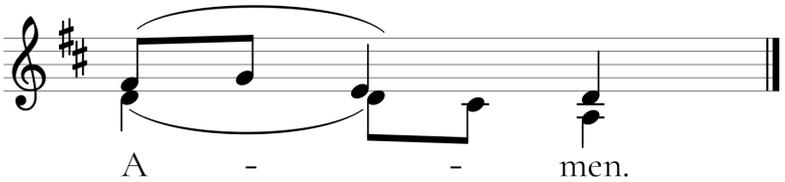


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-
God, Your glo-rious vic-t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

p Let us pray . . . O God, whose glory it is to always 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.



THE WORD

Exodus 17:1-7 Then all the congregation of the children of Israel set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped in Rephidim; but *there was* no water for the people to drink. ² Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, "Give us water, that we may drink." And Mo-

ses said to them, "Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the LORD?" ³ And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, "Why is it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me!" ⁵ And the LORD said to Moses, "Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go. ⁶ "Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ So he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Romans 5:1-8 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of

God. ³ And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. ⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

p Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.



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

These words are written that we may believe that

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is in treble clef and contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff is in bass clef and contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.



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



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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

#769 Lift High the Cross

SERMON

Matthew 4:1-11 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. ³ Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." ⁴ But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In *their* hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" ⁷ Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down

and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

THE WAY OF SUFFERING

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re-
 new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a-
 way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
 Spir-it from me. Restore to me the joy of Your sal-
 va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir-it free.

#166 Savior, When in Dust to Thee

Offering Hymn #441:1,2

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be, all
 that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
 May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive, and
 gladly, as thou blestest us, to thee our first fruits give

PRAYERS, 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.



#175 When I Survey the Wonderous Cross

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

9 am Worship Service
10 am Sunday School
10:15 Call Meeting, No BC

MONDAY, MARCH 9

6pm Women of Faith

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

2pm Bible Class
7pm Elders
7:30pm Council

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

3:45 pm Catechism
7 pm Lent Service

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

EC BB Tournaments

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

9am Worship Service

FRUITS OF FAITH

General Fund- \$2279.39
Missions - \$180
Building Fund - \$320
Building Fund from March 4th - \$1270
School Fund - \$25
Sunday Service - 91
Wednesday Service - 34
Sunday School - 5
Bible Class- 16

USHERS FOR MARCH

Russ Brown, Jim Brown,
Clay Bobek, Jim Kok

COUNTER

This Week Team # 5

Keith Dickerson, Allen Henke

Next Week Team # 6

Jim, Greg Suwanski

SNACKS FOR AFTER CHURCH

Heartfelt gratitude to all those who have been bringing snacks for fellowship after church. It is not an easy thing to do but it is appreciated.

If you are able to help in the future there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board.

WOF

The next WOF meeting will be Monday, March 9th at 6:00pm. Marie will present God's Forgiving Hands.

CLC CONVENTION

The CLC convention this year is June 25-28 in Eau Claire WI. The Great Lakes delegates conference is in Madison June 1-2. We are looking for two volunteers to go to both as delegates. If you are willing to be considered, please let Pastor or Jared Swyter know.

VBS

Meeting after church on April 12.

BUILDING FUND

The building fund currently has about \$10,000. We need \$20,000 to redo the church roof this summer. We also need another \$40,000 within the next few years to redo the school roof.

GAME NIGHTS

March 27 – Bingo / Potluck

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 42:14–21

Psalms 142

Eph. 5:8–14

John 9:1–41

CALL NEWS

Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, MI, has returned the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

Teacher Katie Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven, FL, has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY.

Teacher Noah Ohlmann of Grace Ev. Lutheran School, Valentine, NE,

has received the call to teach grades 3-4 and serve as associate principal at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI.

Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

Teacher Karen Swyter has resigned her call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.

Dr. Daniel Sullivan has received the call from the CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions to serve as a professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI.

Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck has received the two-year call from the CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions to serve as the President of Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI.

Teacher Debra Mayhew has accepted the full-time call to teach grades 1-2 at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran School, Mankato, MN.

Pastor Emeritus Paul Nolting has accepted a one-year part-time call to teach religion at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran School, Mankato, MN.

Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, has received the call to Grace Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN.

Sermon Worksheet - Matthew 4:1-11

What was Satan offering Jesus in the third temptation?

What did Satan ask Jesus to do in return for the kingdoms of the world?

Why is this temptation called “the easy way”?

What is the connection between Jesus’ temptation in the desert and His prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane?

What are some examples of the “the easy way” that people are tempted to choose today?

Why is being honest often harder than lying?

What happened after Jesus resisted all three temptations?

Why did Jesus choose the way of suffering instead of the easy way?

What encouragement do we have when we face temptation?



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