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Lent 4

Good morning and welcome to our visitors! We appreciate your joining our worship family this morning, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor at 414-427-9337.

Sunday family worship...8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school...9:15 a.m. Bible class...9:30 a.m.

Today's Worship

"God is love" (1 Jn. 4:8)

Greeting and prayer:

Opening hymn 279: Today Thy Mercy Calls Us

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

C: Amen.



Announcements

Activity committee meets today

The activity committee for April-June is asked to meet in the kitchen at 9:15 this morning to plan for the Easter brunch.

Request for membership

Having completed a course of Christian instruction, Mr. Fred Goodrie has requested communicant membership. We welcome him into the Messiah family.

Call for nominations

The deadline is March 31 for nominations to CLC offices at our upcoming synod convention, June 23-26, 2022. Pastors, professors, male teachers, and voters of congregations within the Church of the Lutheran Confession are invited to nominate individuals for the following synodical offices: • CLC President • CLC Vice-President • CLC Moderator • CLC Secretary • Called Servants for the Board of Trustees, Regents, Missions, and Education • Lay Members for the Board of Trustees, Regents, Missions, and Education. An online nomination form and accompanying information is available on the clclutheran.org website (scroll down to "Convention 2022"). Nominations may also be sent by regular mail at this address: Moderator Paul D. Nolting, 810 W 3rd St, Valentine, NE 69201. U.S. mail must be postmarked no later than March 31.

Easter brunch

After a two-year absence, we're looking forward to our traditional Easter morning brunch following our celebration of Christ's resurrection. Check the cupboard doors for food items needed.

Messiah-Wear

If you're interested in restocking your Messiah Rams gear, see the order forms on the counter in the entryway. Please place cash or a check (made out to Messiah Lutheran School) with the completed order form in an envelope. Envelopes can be given to Mr. Tiefel or placed in the box next to the forms. The deadline for orders is Friday, April 8. Please contact Mr. Tiefel with any questions.

Save the date

Thanks to all who participated in Friday's family game night. Trending games included Apples to Apples, corn hole, and Five Crowns. The next game night is Friday, April 29. Everyone is welcome!

CLC news

Youth Camp: CLC Youth Camp will take place on the Immanuel campus in Eau Claire, June 12-18. It is a week-long camp of faith, fellowship, and fun. Camp is open to kids going into grades 6-9 and the cost is \$135/camper. There is also a morning pre-camp program available for kids going into grades K-5 with a cost of \$60/camper. Registration will open Sunday, March 27th at 3 PM. For more information visit youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp, or email the camp directors Kendra Rodebaugh and Sam Radermacher at youthcamp.clc@gmail.com.

Calls: *Teacher Debra Mayhew* has accepted the call to teach grades K-4th at Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN. *Teacher Rebecca Lillo* of St. Stephen's Lutheran School, Mountain View, CA, has accepted the call to teach the upper grade classes at Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. *Mr. Luke Willitz* has accepted the call to be the pastor of Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN.

April-June activity committee: *J. Albrecht, J. Bailey, J. Barthels, T. Fletcher, D. Griffen, J. Lisak, S. Lisak, B. Blue, D. Mueller, J. Mueller, BJ Nelson, K. Nelson, S. Pautz, A. Rentas, M. Weibye.*

Looking Ahead...

♣ **Wednesday:**
6:30 P.M.: Lenten service.

♣ **Next Sunday:**
Lord's Supper.

♣ **April 5th:**
6:00 P.M.: Tech Committee.
6:00 P.M.: Bd. of Property.
7:30 P.M.: Sunday school teachers.

♣ **April 7th:**
6:00 P.M.: Bd. of Education.
6:00 P.M.: Bd. of Elders.



Lenten Service

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Tears of Lent:

"Do not Weep for Me"
(Pastor Mark Bernthal)

Bible Readings:

3/27	Ex 38 John 17 Prv 14 Phil 1
3/28	Ex 39 John 18 Prv 15 Phil 2
3/29	Ex 40 John 19 Prv 16 Phil 3
3/30	Lv 1 John 20 Prv 17 Phil 4
3/31	Lv 2-3 John 21 Prv 18 Col 1
4/1	Lv 4 Ps 1-2 Prv 19 Col 2
4/2	Lv 5 Ps 3-4 Prv 20 Col 3

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April Ushers		Cleaning Teams 4/2-4/8	
1st:	E. Weaver B. Blue	Church:	Plockelman Davis A. Mueller
2nd:	J. Gerbitz A. Gerbitz	School:	Whiting Lillo
Maundy Thursday/Good Friday: M. Plockelman, A. Plockelman			
Lent (3/30, 4/6): S. Lisak, J. Lisak			

Fruits of Faith	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings:	\$6,166.00	\$304,269.00
Budgetary Needs:	\$7,973.00	\$302,974.00
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$1,807.00)	\$1,295.00
Missions:	\$280.00	\$8,250.00
Kinship:	\$255.00	\$6,706.00
MDF:	\$30.00	\$1,045.00
Benevolence Fund:	\$50.00	

Attendance Last Sunday: 79,36
Tour Choir: 81

As a father has compassion
on his children,

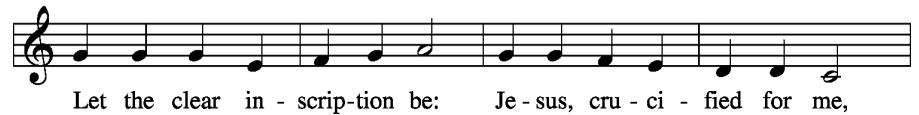
So the LORD has compassion
on those who fear him

(Ps.103:13)



Offering

Hymn: *On My Heart Imprint Your Image*



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Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *In Adam We Have All Been One*

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: Amen.

Closing hymn: *Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound*

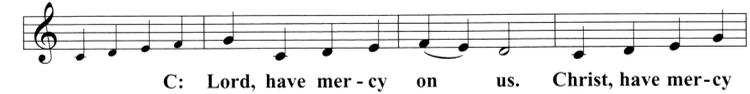
P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful by nature. 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.

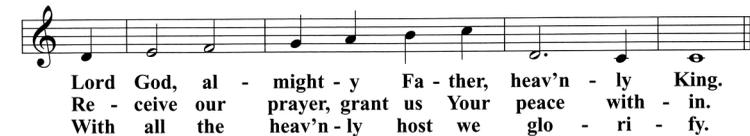
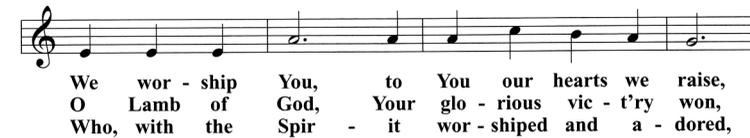
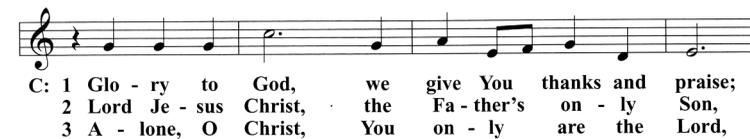
P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in Excelsis*



Prayer of the Day

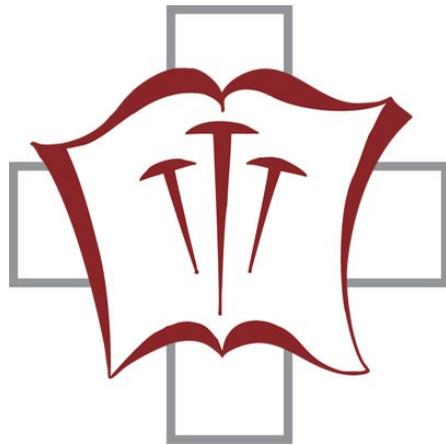
P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may from the heart acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament lesson: Isaiah 12:1-6

And in that day you will say: "O LORD, I will praise You; though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; 'For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.'" Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And in that day you will say: "Praise the LORD, call upon His name; declare His deeds among the peoples, make mention that His name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for He has done excellent things; this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!"



and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.

"Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.'

"But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.'

And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'"

The Father's Great Love

I. For a son far from home

II. For a lost son at home



C: Cre - ate 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. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

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 326: *Lord, to Thee I Make Confession*

Sermon: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them."

So He spoke this parable to them, saying: "A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood.

"And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.

"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

"And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

"But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it,

O LORD, DO NOT REBUKE

Antiphon



Psalm Tone



O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your wrath,*
Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure!

For Your arrows pierce me deeply,*
And Your hand presses me down.

There is no soundness in my flesh
Because of Your anger,*
Nor is there any health in my bones
Because of my sin.

For my iniquities have gone over my head;*
Like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

Antiphon

Thus I am like a man who does not hear,*
And in whose mouth is no response.

For in You, O LORD, I hope;*
You will hear, O LORD my God.

Make haste to help me,*
O LORD, my salvation!

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.

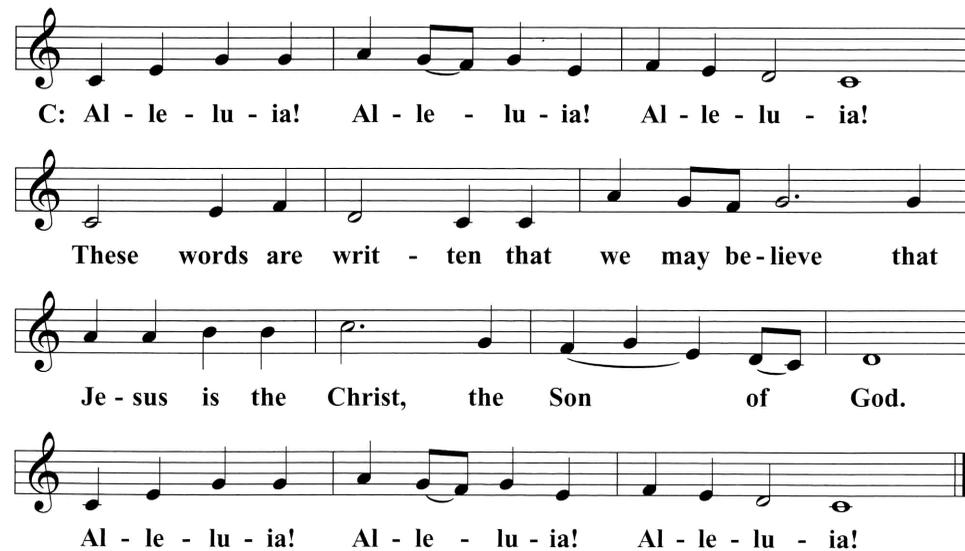
Antiphon

Epistle lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: *“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.”*

Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

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

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

Children (first service): *From the Squalor/Immanuel*

*From the squalor of a borrowed stable, By the Spirit and a virgin's faith;
To the anguish and the shame of scandal Came the Savior of the human race!
But the skies were filled, with the praise of heav'n, Shepherds listen as the angels tell
Of the Gift of God, come down to man At the dawning of Immanuel*

*King of heaven now the Friend of sinners, Humble servant in the Father's hands,
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit, Filled with mercy for the broken man
Yes, He walked my road, and He felt my pain, Joys and sorrows that I know so well;
Yet His righteous steps give me hope again—I will follow my Immanuel!*

*Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal, He was lifted on a cruel cross;
He was punished for a world's transgressions, He was suffering to save the lost
He fights for breath, He fights for me Loosing sinners from the claims of hell;
And with a shout, our souls are free—Death defeated by Immanuel!*

*Now He's standing in the place of honor, Crowned with glory on the highest throne,
Interceding for His own beloved Till His Father calls to bring them home!
Then the skies will part, as the trumpet sounds Hope of heaven or the fear of hell;
But the Bride will run, to her Lover's arms, Giving glory to Immanuel!*

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.