



Put on the full

armor of God

(Eph. 6:11)



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Lent 1

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.

Family Worship: 9:00 A.M.

Choir: 8:00 a.m. Sunday school and adult Bible class: 10:15 A.M.

Today's Worship

"Be still, and know that I am God" (Ps. 46:10).

Greeting and prayer

Hymn 702: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Invocation:

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

C Amen.



P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Gloria



Kyrie

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

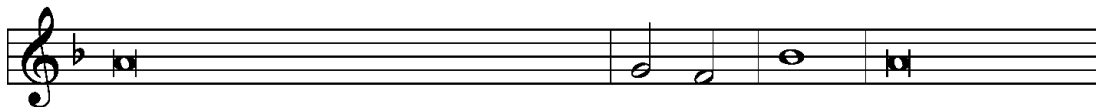
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



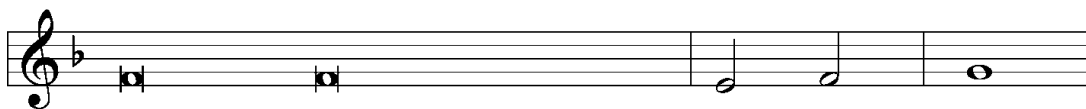
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

The Collect prayer:

P: Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, You endured the temptations of Satan in the wilderness. Be present with us on our Lenten journey toward the cross and empty tomb, always mindful of our identity as those baptized in Your name, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Lesson:

Genesis 22:1-18...By faith Abraham passed the test and took God at his word.

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!"

And he said, "Here I am."

He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you."

And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.

And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!"

And he said, "Here I am, my son."

He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son."

So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!"

And he said, "Here I am."

He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mountain of the LORD it shall be provided."

And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

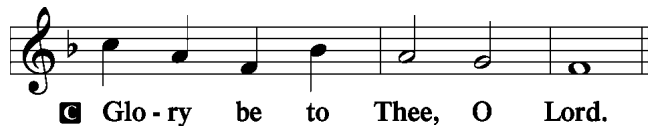
P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Amen.

Children: *God So Loved the World*

God so loved the world. God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; But that the world through Him might be saved. God so loved the world. God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, should not perish but have everlasting life, everlasting life, everlasting, everlasting life. God so loved the world. God so loved the world. God so loved the world.

Gospel Lesson:

P: The Gospel lesson is recorded in Mark 1:12-15.



Jesus was tempted in every way just as we are, yet never sinned.

Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.



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.**

Hymn 424: *O Christ, You Walked the Road*

Sermon: Romans 8:31-39

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or

famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We Are More Than Conquerors!

- I. No one can condemn us before God.
 - II. Nothing can separate us from God's love.
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Offertory

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.*



Offering

Hymn 422: *On My Heart Imprint Your Image*

*On my heart imprint Your image,
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation,
And my glory and salvation!*



Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Hymn 724:1-3, 8-10: *If God Himself Be for Me*

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.

Closing hymn 727: *On Eagles' Wings*

Announcements

Call meeting this morning

The voters are asked to meet following Sunday school/Bible class to issue a call for a teacher to fill Mrs. Winters' position next fall.

Council notes...

Finances: January offerings were \$5,153 below budgeted needs, and the balance of available funds decreased by \$5,535. Offerings for the fiscal year are \$29,778 under budgeted needs, and the balance of available funds has decreased by \$9,560.

Sanctuary thermostat: The Bd. of Property is working to resolve several problems with the HVAC, including erratic heating of the sanctuary.

Communion procedures: The council is discussing ways to make the Lord's Supper more accessible for those who may have mobility or balance concerns.

Every member contact: The Bd. of Elders will be making an effort to contact every member of the congregation in the next few months to offer Christian encouragement, and to see how we might help one another further in our lives as Jesus' disciples.

Property insurance increase: Our insurance premium with Church Mutual is set to increase by nearly 40%, which means a \$2,000 jump in our annual premium. The council will be investigating further.

Education Sunday speaker: Pastor Andrew Schaller has accepted the invitation to be our guest preacher on Education Sunday, May 12.

CLC call update

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Mankato, MN has called *Pastor Michael Gurath* of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church and School, Phoenix, AZ. *Pastor Paul Krause* of Zion Lutheran in Hidewood and Trinity Lutheran in Watertown, SD has returned the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI. *Teacher Amy Osborne* of Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC, is still considering the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.

Nominations invited

Nominations for CLC synodical offices may be made by any voting member of a CLC congregation at clclutheran.net.

Family game night Friday

An informal family game night is planned for this Friday, Feb. 23, beginning at 6 p.m. Bring a favorite game and snacks to share. Everyone is welcome.

Piano recital

Messiah piano students will be participating in a recital at New Perspective, Franklin, on Sunday, Feb. 25, at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Looking Ahead...

Tuesday:

6:30 P.M: Ladies meeting.

7:00 P.M: Sunday school teachers via Zoom.

Wednesday:

6:30 P.M: Lenten service.

Friday:

6:00 P.M: Family game night.



Lenten Service

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.



“King of Kings”

Saul:

The King Who Fell From Grace

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Bible Readings:	
2/18	Leviticus 26-27; Mark 2
2/19	Numbers 1-2; Mark 3:1-21
2/20	Numbers 3-4; Mark 3:22-35
2/21	Numbers 5-6; Mark 4:1-20
2/22	Numbers 7; Mark 4:21-41
2/23	Numbers 8-10; Mark 5:1-20
2/24	Numbers 11-13; Mark 5:21-43



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February Ushers		Cleaning Team 2/23-3/1
Joel Gerbitz Paul Tiefel John Marita February Slideshow Jim Lisak		J/ B Albrecht J/L Marita P. Reim T/G Quade P. Gurath
Fruits of Faith	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings:	\$9,028.00	\$252,042.39
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,380.21	\$282,906.92
Over (Under) Budget:	\$647.79	(\$30,864.53)
Sunday School:	\$0.90	\$86.25
MDF:	\$30.00	\$1,060.00
Kinship:	\$130.00	1,312.56
MSAF:	\$50.00	954.75
Missions:	\$25.00	\$2,531.75
Attendance Last Sunday: 114		