

I will extend  
PEACE  
to her  
like a river... (Is. 66:12)





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**Lent 2**

*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.*

**Choir...8:00 A.M.**

**Sunday family worship...9:00 A.M.**

**Sunday school and Bible class follow the service**

### **Today's Worship**

*"My peace I give you" (Jn. 14:27).*

**Greeting and prayer:**

**Opening hymn 423: Jesus, Refuge of the Weary**

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

**C:** Amen.



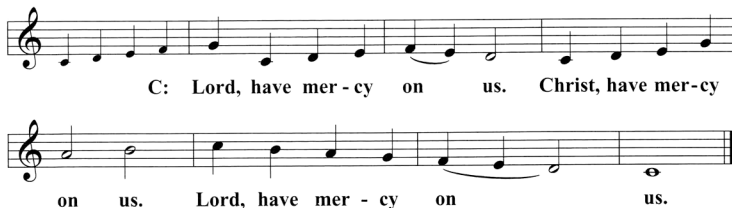
P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

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

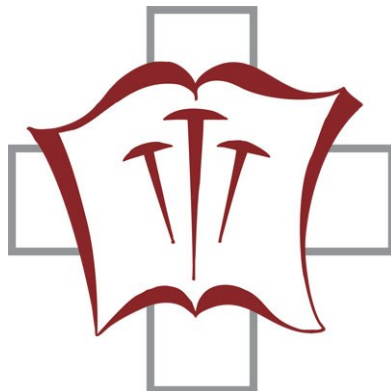
P: Lord Jesus Christ, in Your perfect timing, You died for us who are weak and ungodly. Be present with us as we endure the sufferings of this world, so that we may learn how suffering leads to endurance, character, and a hope that never puts us to shame; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## Old Testament lesson: Genesis 28:10-17

Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."



# HAVE MERCY UPON ME, O GOD

*Antiphon*



*Psalm Tone*



Have mercy upon me, Ó God,\*  
According to Your lovingkindness;  
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,\*  
Blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,\*  
And cleanse me from my sin.  
For I acknowledge my transgressions,\*  
And my sin is ever before me.

*Antiphon*

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;\*  
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Make me to hear joy and gladness,\*  
That the bones which You have broken may rejoice.  
Hide Your face from my sins,\*  
And blot out all my iniquities.  
**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*

## Gospel lesson: Mark 8:31-38

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

## Choir: *Here Is Love*

*Here is love, vast as the ocean, lovingkindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of life, our ransom, shed for us His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He will never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days.*

*On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,  
And heav'n's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.*

*Let me all your love accepting, love you ever, all my days;  
Let me seek your kingdom only and my life be to your praise.  
You alone shall be my glory, nothing in the world I see.  
You have cleansed and sanctified me, by yourself have set me free.  
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He will never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days.*

## **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 437: *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed***

### **Sermon: Romans 5:1-11**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled

to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

## The Paradox of Joy in Suffering

I. The joy of Christ's suffering

II. The joy of our suffering

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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.

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

Pastor: Plain type

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Dear Lord God, who has wondrously worked out our salvation in Christ Jesus: **We praise you for your mercy in sending Jesus to make peace between you and sinners.** You laid upon him the iniquity of us all. You have justified all people and declared them not guilty. **May your peace fill our hearts with joy, and move us to take up our cross and follow Jesus from the cross of suffering to the crown of glory.**

Through Word and Sacrament preserve us in the one true faith. **Bless the preaching and teaching of your Word here and throughout the world.** Give the Spirit's guidance to Mr. Levi Schaller as he considers the call to teach in our school. **Lead him to a firm conviction of where you would have him use his gifts for the benefit of your flock.**

**Be our strength in suffering.** Work in us endurance, perseverance, and hope which will not be disappointed. **Keep us faithful to our journey's end.** We thank you for preserving Elaine Bernthal as your child throughout her 93 years, and for now graciously receiving her to yourself. Comfort her family and all of us who will miss her with Jesus' promise, "Because I live, you also will live." We also ask your peace for the family of Thomas Freckmann, grandfather of Madeleine Gerbitz, whom you called from this life last week after a long illness. **Keep us looking forward to the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting**

We rejoice in our fellowship with one another here and with fellow believers around the world. We thank you for working unity of faith with the Lutheran Autonomous Mission of the Philippines. **May we provide mutual encouragement to one another as we work together to proclaim the message of Christ crucified.**

Preserve the rule of law within our nation, and provide capable, honest, and wise leaders. **May we honor them as your representatives for our earthly wellbeing.**

In mercy give us daily bread and other blessings as you know are beneficial for us. Receive our offerings as expressions of our thanks. **May we gladly use what you provide for your work and to help our neighbor.**

Throughout this Lenten season, help us to follow in Jesus' steps to his cross. May we there humbly confess our sins with sorrow, and with the joy of faith receive his victory over sin and death as our own. **In His name we pray. Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn 574: *Before the Throne of God Above***

## **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 575: *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less***

# Announcements

## Thanks!

Thank you to the “gamers” who attended our winter game night on Friday. It was a fun evening, and no one went home hungry! The next game night is Friday, March 22, at 6 p.m.

## Sunday schedule

In order to better coordinate Sunday school and adult Bible class, the Sunday school students will meet in the activity room at 10:15 a.m. for the opening devotion and singing. The Bible class will meet in the sanctuary at 10:20 a.m. Both groups will dismiss at 11:00 a.m.

## Call issued

Last Sunday the voters issued a call to Mr. Levi Schaller to teach in our school beginning this fall. We have received the following letter in response: Dear Messiah, Hales Corners, I have received the call from your congregation to teach within your Christian grade school. I acknowledge this is a divine call and ask for prayers for my wife and me during my deliberation between the two calls in front of me and the current one I am serving. I also ask for any advice and comments from all who wish to give them. In Christ, *Levi Schaller*.

## A blessed homecoming

This past Thursday the Lord called Elaine Bernthal from this earthly life to eternal life with him in heaven. A victory service will be held on Monday, March 18, at 3 p.m. Visitation will be from 1:30 p.m. to the time of the service.

## Piano recital this afternoon

Messiah piano students will be participating in a recital at New Perspective, Franklin, this afternoon at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

## STEAM fair Thursday

Everyone is invited to the school's STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) fair from 6-7 p.m. this Thursday. Students will share their projects and give you an opportunity for hands-on experimentation.

## Fellowship with Philippine church

After almost three years of correspondence, and several visits by our CLC missionary which included a representative of the CLC Board of Missions and a representative of the CLC Board of Doctrine, Pastor Jordan Palangyos of the “Lutheran Autonomous Mission of the Philippines” (LAMP) has successfully completed a colloquy and demonstrated unity with our confession. Based on this, CLC President Michael Wilke made the following announcement: “As President of the Church of the Lutheran Confession, it is my blessed privilege to declare that the Church of the Lutheran Confession is in fellowship with Pastor Palangyos and the Lutheran Autonomous Mission of the Philippines (LAMP). Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! Psalm 133:1” “LAMP” consists of 2 congregations and 1 preaching station with about 60 souls, served by Pastor Palangyos, along with four lay men who assist. May the LORD bless our joint church work together in spreading the Kingdom of Christ!

## CLC call news...

Teacher Neil Bernthal of Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven, FL, has received the call from Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI. Teacher Amy Osborne of Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC, has returned the call from Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. Teacher Josh Ohlmann, Holy Trinity, West Columbia SC, has received the call to teach at Gethsemane, Saginaw MI.

## Looking Ahead...

### Tuesday:

**11:00 A.M:** New Perspective service.

**1:00 P.M:** Adult information.

### Wednesday:

**10:00 A.M:** Villa of Greenfield service.

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

### Thursday:

**7:00 A.M:** Adult class.

**6:00 P.M:** School STEAM fair.

### Next Sunday:

Holy Communion.

**11:00 A.M:** Bd. of Education.

**March 7th:**

**6:00 P.M:** Bd. of Property.



Lenten Service  
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.



“King of Kings”

*Solomon:*

*The King Who Had Everything*

Bible Readings:	
2/25	Numbers 14-15; Mark 6:1-32
2/26	Numbers 16-17; Mark 6:33-56
2/27	Numbers 18-20; Mark 7:1-13
2/28	Numbers 21-25; Mark 7:14-37; Mark 8:1-21
2/29	Numbers 26-27; Mark 8:22-38
3/1	Numbers 28-29; Mark 9:1-29
3/2	Numbers 30-31; Mark 9:30-50



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March Ushers	Cleaning Team 3/1-3/8
Caleb Gerbitz Fred Goodrie Matt Weibye <b>Lent-J.</b> Rodebaugh P. Reim  <i>March Slideshow</i> A. Saunders <b>Lent-K.</b> Winters	S/E Lisak J/K Gerbitz J/K Rodebaugh J/H Barthels J/S Serba

Fruits of Faith	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings*:	\$13,173.15	\$265,215.54
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,380.21	\$2291,287.13
Over (Under) Budget:	\$4,792.94	(\$26,071.59)
Sunday School:	\$1.90	\$88.15
MDF:	\$130.00	\$1,190.00
ILCSAF:	\$100.00	\$700.00
Missions:	\$200.00	\$2,731.75
ILC TC:	\$35.00	\$85.00

\*Includes e-giving 2/1-2/18: \$5,772.95  
Attendance Last Sunday: 123