

A large, dark wooden cross stands prominently on a grassy hill. The background is a dramatic sunset sky with streaks of orange, yellow, and red. To the right of the cross, a large, dark evergreen tree is silhouetted against the bright sky. The overall mood is solemn and contemplative.

You were bought
at a price.

*Therefore honor God
with your bodies.*

(1 Cor. 6:20)



March 3, 2024

Lent 3

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 414-688-4517.

**Choir...8:00 a.m. Sunday family worship...9:00 a.m.
Sunday school and Bible class follow the service.**

Today's Worship

*"I rejoiced with those who said to me, '
Let us go to the house of the LORD'" (Ps. 122:1).*

Greeting and prayer:

Invocation:

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

C: Amen.

P: God invites us to gather in His name.

C: We are gathered to worship and praise.



P: Our heavenly Father's house is a house of prayer for all the nations.

C: He gathers people from every corner of the earth to sing His praises.

P: We listen to God's Word.

C: We hear the message proclaimed of Christ crucified.

Hymn 907: *God Himself Is Present*

Confession and Absolution:

P: Heavenly Father,

C: We have sinned against You and against our neighbors. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Disrupt our sinfulness. Forgive us, renew us, and restore us, on account of Jesus. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy sent Jesus into our world to be our righteousness and to pay the penalty for all sin. As a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Prayer:

P: 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.

Old Testament lesson:

Exodus 20:1-17....God's commandments are holy and good. Yet they cannot save, because we cannot kept them.

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

"You shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD is giving you.

"You shall not murder.

"You shall not commit adultery.

"You shall not steal.

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

Children: *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

*Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.*

*Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way.*

*Refrain
You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

*Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne.
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.*

Refrain

Epistle lesson:

1 Corinthians 1:22-25....The “foolishness” of the cross is God’s wisdom for our eternal salvation.

For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 579: *The Law of God Is Good and Wise*

Sermon: John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade."

His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?"

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

HOLY ZEAL!

I. It overturns business as usual.

II. It centers on the cross of Christ.



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

The Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(Minute of silence)

P: Lord Jesus Christ, lead Your church on earth to be a house of prayer for all the nations. Through Your church welcome people from every nation, language, and background. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C: blessed Jesus, King of grace.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, as You delivered the people out of slavery in Egypt and taught them how to live as Your people, so teach us to live according to Your righteous instructions, so that we may live peacefully with You and our neighbors. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C: blessed Jesus, King of grace.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You are well acquainted with grief and death. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief. Point them to the hope that in Your Father's house are many mansions, and that You have gone to prepare a place for us. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C: blessed Jesus, King of grace.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, intercede for all those struggling with relationships, whether in friendships, family dynamics, marital struggles, or relationships within the church. We pray that You would bring repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C: blessed Jesus, King of grace.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, send Your strength to all our missionaries. Embolden them to preach the power of Your cross. Encourage them in their service by the same message they proclaim, that You have died and are risen for us and our salvation. We pray for Pastor Olvera and his family and their gospel work in Mexico. Grant them continued recovery from illness, and open more doors of opportunity for their outreach efforts. Preserve and nourish the faith of all who come today to receive Your body and blood in the Sacrament. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C: blessed Jesus, King of grace.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your good and gracious will. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C: blessed Jesus, King of grace.

P: Lord Jesus, we commend all of these people and circumstances into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn 560: *Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed*

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

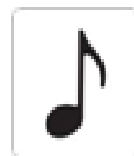
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.



P: It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who gave the temple of His body over to be crucified, then raised it up on the third day, just as He promised. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*



Words of Institution

Distribution hymns: 563, 618, 624.

Nunc Dimittis

*O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill.
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.
All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.*



P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

*My heart has now become Your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Your praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally.
Lord, may Your body and Your blood
Be for my soul the highest good.*



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 698: *May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill*



Announcements

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.

Daily Rest

Help yourself to the new issue of the *Daily Rest* devotional on the hall counter. There are plenty of copies. Take one for a friend.

CLC news...

Funding for Tour Choir: It was recently announced that due to higher travel costs, the ILC Tour Choir was in need of funding for their upcoming concert tour. Ample funds have now been received. We thank the Lord for moving hearts to help enable the choir to sing the praises of Him who died and rose for us all.

Retirement Gift: Professor Mark Kranz has announced his retirement effective at the end of the current academic year. His faithful service to our church and our school will be acknowledged during the ILC Class Day/Graduation festivities on May 17-18. Our custom is to present a monetary gift as a token of our appreciation. CLC members are invited to contribute to this gift which will be presented to him at Graduation (May 18). Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran College and indicate: "Prof. Kranz Retirement." Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

Call accepted: Teacher Matthew Thurow of Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN has accepted the call to be a professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College in Eau Claire, WI. This is to fill the position currently held by Professor Mark Kranz who is retiring at the end of this school year.

CLC Youth Camp: The camp will be taking place on the Immanuel campus in Eau Claire, June 9-15, 2024. 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 \$140/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 Saturday, March 16th at 10 AM CST. For more information visit youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp, or email the camp directors Amber Casto and Sam Radermacher at youthcamp.clc@gmail.com.

Looking Ahead...

♣ **Wednesday:**

6:30 P.M.: Lenten service.

♣ **Thursday:**

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

♣ **March 12th:**

6:00 P.M.: Bd. of Elders.

Lenten Service
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.



King of Kings

Ahab:

Repentance Too Little, Too Late

CLC Financial Report - January

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2023	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 7 Months	Balance 1/31/2024
General Fund	0	696,095	693,720	695,100	2,375
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,069,429	931,392	955,500	138,037
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	133,349	57,924	69,639		121,634
ILC Building Projects	1,279,816	261,503	65,536		1,475,783
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	95,621	145,320	117,597		123,344
Kinship	168,286	87,694	118,544		137,436
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,323,176	748,800	345,936		2,726,040
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	145,399	40,191	126,576		59,014
Reserve Fund	95,555	3,898	0		99,453
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$4,241,202	\$1,345,330	\$843,828		\$4,742,704

General Fund – January receipts: **\$136,368 VS** disbursements: **\$115,330**. The General Fund subsidizes the work of the Boards of Missions, Trustees, EdPub, & Regents (including ILC.)

ILC Operations – January receipts: **\$187,905 VS** disbursements: **\$126,056**.

IIF – January receipts: **\$4,191 VS** disbursements: **\$315**.

ILC Building Projects – January receipts: **\$29,662** (including an \$13,263 increase in market value of investments) **VS** disbursements: **None**.

MDF – January receipts: **\$47,458 VS** disbursements: **\$21,556**.

Kinship – January receipts: **\$32,086 VS** disbursements: **\$31,505** (including \$13,000 for disaster relief).

CEF – January receipts: **\$51,960** (including a \$27,427 increase in market value of investments) **VS** disbursements: **\$4,092** (mostly payments on member loans to the CEF).

SAF – January receipts: **\$10,403 VS** disbursements: **\$11,526** (including student loans, grants, scholarships and tuition assistance).

Reserve Fund is currently invested in a money market account until needed, typically each fiscal year-end.

EduK8 Fund – January receipts: **\$1,862**. Balance **\$37,109**.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

Bible Readings:

3/3	Numbers 32-33; Mark 10:1-31
3/4	Numbers 34-36; Mark 10:32-52
3/5	Deuteronomy 1-2; Mark 11:1-19
3/6	Deuteronomy 3-4; Mark 11:20-33
3/7	Deuteronomy 5-7; Mark 12:1-27
3/8	Deuteronomy 8-10; Mark 12:28-44
3/9	Deuteronomy 11-13; Mark 13:1-13



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March Ushers

Caleb Gerbitz
Fred Goodrie
Matt Weibye
Lent-J. Rodebaugh
P. Reim

March Slideshow
A. Saunders
Lent-K. Winters

Cleaning Team 3/8-3/15

M/C Gescheidle
M. Gescheidle
M/J Plockelman
R/A Davis

Fruits of Faith

Last Week:

To Date:

Budgetary Offerings:

\$5,668.61

\$270,884.15

Budgetary Needs:

\$8,380.21

\$299,667.34

Over (Under) Budget:

(\$2,711.60)

(\$28,783.19)

MDF:

\$30.00

\$1,220.00

Kinship:

\$225.00

\$1,537.56

ILC TC:

\$235.00

\$320.00

Attendance Last Sunday: 147

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