



GOD  
SO  
LOVED  
the  
WORLD

(John 3:16)



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**March 10, 2024**

**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.*

**Family Worship: 9:00 A.M.**

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

### Today's Worship

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

**Greeting and prayer**

**Hymn 425: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

**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.**

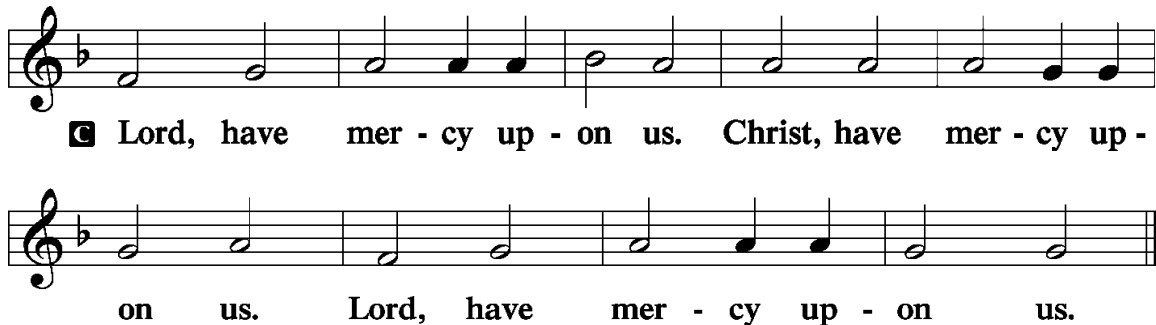
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### Gloria

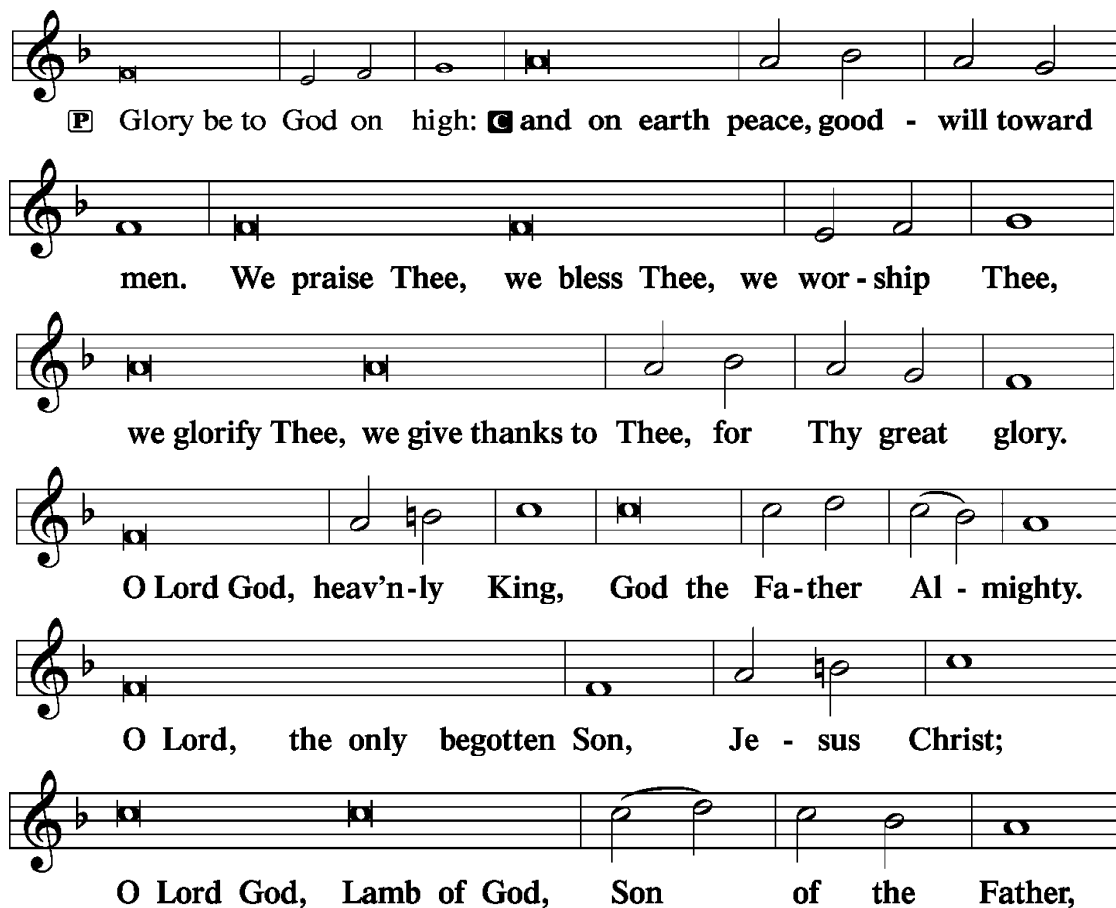


## Kyrie



**☐** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis



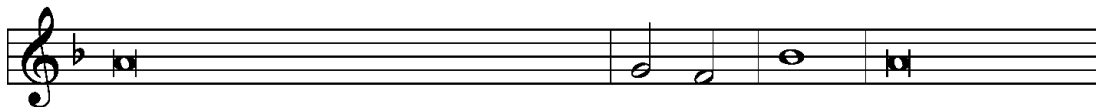
**☐** Glory be to God on high: **☐** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;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



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



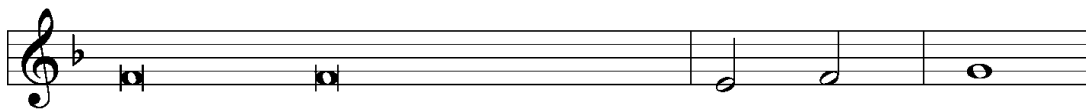
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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:

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 heartily 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.



## Old Testament Lesson:

*Numbers 21:4-9...Grumbling and impatience deserve God's punishment, but trust in his Word of mercy and promise leads to salvation.*

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food."

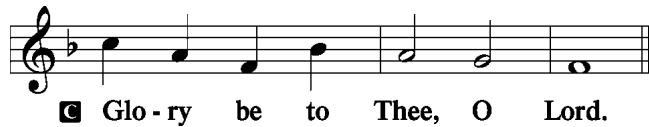
Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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

## Gospel Lesson:

P: The Epistle lesson is recorded in Ephesians 2:4-10.



*Saved entirely by God's grace alone, we are now his workmanship eager to carry out the good works he has planned for us.*

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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 544: *O Love, How Deep***

**Sermon: *John 3:14-21***

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

**God Loves You!**

- I. Unconditionally
  - II. Sacrificially
  - III. Convincingly
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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 571:** *God Loved the World So That He Gave*

### 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 392:** *God Loves Me Dearly*

## Announcements

### A blessed arrival

On March 2nd the Lord blessed Armando and Lydia Hart with the birth of a son, Inigo Armando (7 lbs. 13 oz.; 19.5 in.)

### Easter prep

**Brunch:** The men of the congregation will be serving brunch after the Easter service. The signup sheet for food and serving volunteers is on the hall cupboard doors.

**Remembrance lilies:** We would like to decorate the altar with lilies on Easter Sunday in celebration of Christ's resurrection and also in memory of loved ones who have died in the Lord and who, in light of Christ's resurrection, will surely rise again in glory at His return. If you would like to provide a lily in memory of a loved one, let Pastor know and he will include the names in the Easter bulletin.

### Victory service

The victory service for Elaine Bernthal will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday, March 18. Visitation will be from 1:30-3:00 p.m. A meal will follow the service.

### CLC call update

*Pastor Michael Gurath* of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church and School, Phoenix, AZ has returned the call from Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Mankato, MN. Immanuel Lutheran has now called *Pastor Nathanael Mayhew* of Grace Ev. Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN. *Levi Schaller* of Grace Lutheran School, Fridley, MN, has returned the call from Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. *Teacher Matthew Kranz*, Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, has returned the call from Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI to be their 5th-6th grade teacher and assistant principal.

### Looking Ahead...

#### **Tuesday:**

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

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

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

#### **Wednesday:**

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

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

#### **Thursday:**

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

#### **Next Sunday:**

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

#### **March 18th:**

**3:00 P.M:** Elaine Bernthal victory service.

#### **March 19th:**

**6:30 P.M:** Ladies meeting.

**7:00 P.M:** Sunday school teachers.

#### **March 21st:**

**6:00 P.M:** Church council.

#### **March 22nd:**

**6:00 P.M:** Family game night.



### Lenten Service

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.



“King of Kings”

*Zedekiah:*

*The King Who Turned Out the Lights*

Bible Readings:	
3/10	Deuteronomy 14-16; Mark 13:14-37
3/11	Deuteronomy 17-19; Mark 14:1-25
3/12	Deuteronomy 20-22; Mark 14:26-50
3/13	Deuteronomy 23-25; Mark 14:51-72
3/14	Deuteronomy 26-27; Mark 15:1-26
3/15	Deuteronomy 28; Mark 15:27-47
3/16	Deuteronomy 29-30; Mark 16



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March Ushers	Cleaning Team 3/15-3/22
Caleb Gerbitz Fred Goodrie Matt Weibye <b>Lent-J. Rodebaugh</b> P. Reim  March Slideshow A. Saunders <b>Lent-K. Winters</b>	J/L Lisak E/J Nelson E/H Williams B/B Naumann M/A Whiting

Fruits of Faith	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings:	\$5,444.25	\$277,417.40
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,380.21	\$308,047.55
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$2,935.96)	(\$30,630.15)
Sunday School:	\$1.00	\$89.15
MDF:	\$25.00	\$1,245.00
Missions:	\$100.00	\$2,831.75
ILC Building Fund:	\$25.00	\$970.00
Attendance Last Sunday: 123		

## CLC Financial Report - February

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2023	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 8 Months	Balance 2/29/2024
General Fund	0	765,736	773,861	794,400	(8,125)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,233,693	1,058,205	1,092,000	175,488
<b>Auxiliary Funds</b>					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	133,349	60,782	69,639		124,492
ILC Building Projects	1,279,816	270,908	65,536		1,485,188
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	95,621	156,925	128,275		124,271
Kinship	168,286	116,869	120,992		164,163
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,323,176	783,442	425,849		2,680,769
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	145,399	46,290	137,087		54,602
Reserve Fund	95,555	3,898	0		99,453
<b>Auxiliary Funds Totals</b>	<b>\$4,241,202</b>	<b>\$1,439,114</b>	<b>\$947,378</b>		<b>\$4,732,938</b>

**General Fund – February** receipts: **\$69,641** VS disbursements: **\$80,141**. The General Fund subsidizes the work of the Boards of Missions, Trustees, EdPub, & Regents (including ILC.)

**ILC Operations – February** receipts: **\$164,264** VS disbursements: **\$126,813**.

**IIF – February** receipts: **\$2,858** VS disbursements: **None**.

**ILC Building Projects – February** receipts: **\$9,405** (including a \$5,076 increase in market value of investments) VS disbursements: **None**.

**MDF – February** receipts: **\$11,604** VS disbursements: **\$10,678**.

**Kinship – February** receipts: **\$29,175** VS disbursements: **\$2,448**.

**CEF – February** receipts: **\$34,642** (including a \$14,391 increase in market value of investments) VS disbursements: **\$79,913** (mostly payments on member loans to the CEF).

**SAF – February** receipts: **\$6,098** VS disbursements: **\$10,510** (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 – February** receipts: **\$5,916**. Balance **\$43,025**.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer  
Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

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