



Unless a kernel of wheat falls
to the ground and dies,

It remains only a single seed...

But if it dies, it produces
many seeds (Jn. 12:24)



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Lent 5

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

"For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed" (1 Cor. 5:7).

Greeting and prayer:

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

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.

Choir: Lord, Have Mercy

*For what we have done and left undone we fall on your countless mercies.
For sins that are known and those unknown we call on your name so holy.
For envy and pride, for closing our eyes; for scorning our very neighbor.
In thought, word, and deed we've failed you, our King; how deeply we need a Savior.*

Chorus

*Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.*

*For what you have done, your life of love you perfectly lived, we praise you.
Though tempted and tried, you fixed your eyes; you finished the work God gave you.
And there on the tree, a King among thieves, you bled for a world's betrayal.
You loved to the end, our merciful friend; how pure and forever faithful.*

Chorus

*For hearts that are cold, for seizing control; for scorning our very maker.
In thought, word, and deed we've failed you, our King; how deeply we need a Savior.*

Chorus

Prayer of the Day

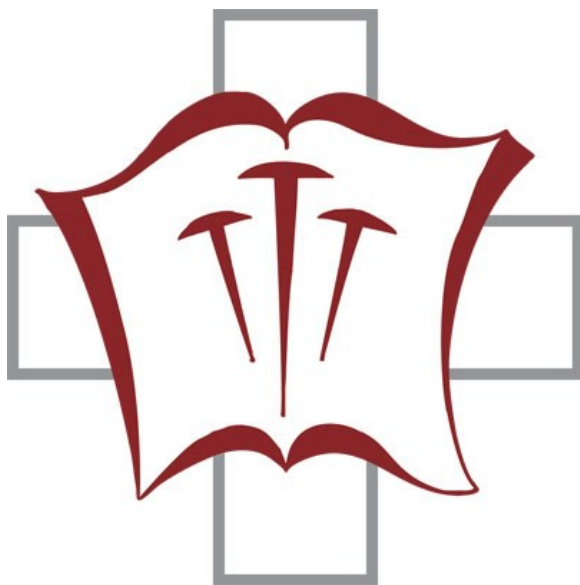
P: Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD.

“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”



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

Epistle lesson: Hebrews 5:7-9

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

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

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 430:1-5: *My Song Is Love Unknown*

Sermon: John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.”

Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”

Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

The Secret to Life: Death

I. Jesus’ death for us

II. Our death for him



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

Cong: Underlined, boldface type

Dear Lord God, Creator of both physical and spiritual life: **We praise you that you have kept us safe this past night, and have given us another day to gather around your Word and serve you in love.** Above all, we glorify you for the new spiritual life you have given us through Jesus' death on the cross. **He took our guilt upon himself and suffered our punishment that we might be counted righteous and receive eternal life.**

Help us now to die to self and to live as your holy people. **Give us strength to bear up under the pressure and persecution of the world.** Enable us to say no to temptation. May we encourage one another with your promises to always be with us. **Give us many opportunities to lead others to see Jesus as their Savior from sin and death.**

Thank you for leading Mr. Levi Schaller to accept the call to teach in our school. **Bless him and his wife as they make preparations for the move here.** Through his ministry feed and nurture the faith of the children under his care. **We thank you also for giving unity of faith with Tom and Kathy Behr, and we welcome them into our fellowship.**

Provide for all our earthly needs according to your will. **Grant comfort and healing to the sick.** We pray for retired pastor and professor David Lau who was diagnosed with cancer this past week. May the prescribed treatments prove effective and restore him

to health. Give him and his family an extra measure of the Spirit for this earthly trial.
Receive our offerings for your glory and the furthering of your kingdom.

Grant all those entrusted with roles of leadership in government the gifts necessary to carry out their work for the wellbeing of every citizen. **May we respect and honor them as your representatives.**

No matter where this week takes us, may we see Jesus and his cross, rejoice in the new life he gives, and then die to self and live for him in all we say and do. **In his name. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *Page 9*


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 837: *Lift High the Cross*


Hymn: *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*




1 How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all
 2 Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his
 3 I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no




mea - sure, that he should give his on - ly Son to
 shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call
 wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: his



make a wretch his trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss.
 out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him there
 death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from his re - ward?



The Fa - ther turns his face a - way as wounds which mar the
 un - til it was ac - com - plished; his dy - ing breath has
 I can - not give an an - swer. But this I know with



Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
 brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
 all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som.

Announcements

Call accepted!

Dear Messiah, Hales Corners: After prayerful consideration, I have been led to accept the call to teach within your school. My wife and I appreciate all the advice and kind words we received throughout the call process. We still ask for your ongoing prayers as we prepare to move and serve within the congregation. *Levi Schaller*

Welcome to the family

Having received instruction in God's Word, Tom and Kathy Behr have expressed agreement in the teachings of Scripture and have requested communicant membership. We welcome them to the Messiah family!

Victory service Monday

The victory service for Elaine Bernthal will be held at 3 p.m. tomorrow. Visitation will be from 1:30-3:00 p.m. A meal will follow the service. The service will be streamed live at: <https://youtube.com/live/wxsc2iFeFeM>.

Easter details

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.

Family game night Friday

An informal family game night is planned for this Friday, March 22, beginning at 6 p.m. Bring a favorite game and snacks to share. Everyone is welcome.

CLC call news...

Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace Ev. Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN. has received a call from Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Mankato, MN. Teacher Neil Bernthal of Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven, FL, has returned the call from Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, 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. Messiah Lutheran has now called Caleb Noeldner for that position.

Looking Ahead...

Today:

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

Monday:

3:00 P.M: E. Bernthal victory service.

Tuesday:

6:30 P.M: Ladies meeting.

7:00 P.M: Sunday school teachers.

Wednesday:

6:30 P.M: Lenten service.

Thursday:

6:00 P.M: Church council.

Friday:

6:00 P.M: Family game night.

Next Sunday:

Palm Sunday.

March 28th:

6:30 P.M: Maundy Thu. Communion service.

March 29th:

8:00 P.M: Good Friday Tenebrae service.

March 31st:

9:00 A.M: Easter song service.



Lenten Service

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.



“King of Kings”

Herod:

The King Who Couldn't Kill Jesus

Bible Readings:

3/17	Deuteronomy 31-32; Luke 1:1-23
3/18	Deuteronomy 33-34; Luke 1:24-56
3/19	Joshua 1-3; Luke 1:57-80
3/20	Joshua 4-6; Luke 2:1-24
3/21	Joshua 7-8; Luke 2:25-52
3/22	Joshua 9-10; Luke 3
3/23	Joshua 11-13; Luke 4:1-32



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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 3/22-3/29

Eichstadt
Ackerman
C. Reim
A. Albrecht
Bailey

Fruits of Faith

Last Week:

To Date:

Budgetary Offerings:	\$5,567.25	\$282,984.65
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,380.21	\$316,427.76
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$2,812.96)	(\$33,443.11)
Missions:	\$55.00	\$2,856.75
MDF:	\$25.00	\$1,300.00
Kinship:	\$80.00	\$1,617.56
CDSIF:	\$50.00	\$185.00
MSAF:	\$35.00	\$989.75
ILC TC:	\$35.00	\$355.00

Attendance Last Sunday: 77