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Sexagesima Sunday

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**SPREAD
O SPREAD THOU
MIGHTY
WORD**



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 63:1-8

¹ O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. ² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. ³ Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. ⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. ⁵ My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, ⁶ when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; ⁷ for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy. ⁸ My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #282 **“Christians, Come, in Sweetest Measures”**

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

C  **A - - - men.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

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. 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 Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C ♪ A --- men.

INTROIT

Ps. 44:1-2, 7-8, 23, 25, 26

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

P Awake! Why are You sleeping, O Lord? Rouse Yourself! Do not reject us forever!

C For our soul is bowed down to the dust. Rise up; come to our help!

P O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us, what deeds You performed in their days, in the days of old:

C You with Your own hand drove out the nations, but them You planted; You afflicted the peoples, but them You set free.

P But You have saved us from our foes and have put to shame those who hate us.

C In God we have boasted continually, and we will give thanks to Your name forever.

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

The musical score for the Gloria Patri is presented in four systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system begins with a common time signature and a key signature of one flat. The vocal line starts with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note G4. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note bass line. The second system continues the vocal line with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note G4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note bass line. The third system begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note G4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note bass line. The fourth system concludes with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note G4. The piano accompaniment concludes with the same eighth-note bass line.

C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Ps. 83:18, 13

Let Your enemies know that You alone, Whose name is the LORD, are the Most High over all the earth. O my God, make them like whirling dust, like chaff before the wind.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord"

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

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

TLH #237:1

C All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

P Let us pray. ... and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - - - men.

EPISTLE READING – 2 Corinthians 12:1-9 I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven-- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³ And I know that this man was caught up into paradise-- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows-- ⁴ and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵ On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses-- ⁶ though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made

perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

GOSPEL READING – Luke 8:4-15 And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, ⁵ "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶ And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷ And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸ And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." ⁹ And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰ he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.'" ¹¹ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹² The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³ And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴ And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵ As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles.

**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.

SERMON – Amos 8:11-14 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord GOD, "That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the LORD. ¹² They shall wander from sea to sea, And from north to east; They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, But shall not find it. ¹³ "In that day the fair virgins And strong young men Shall faint from thirst. ¹⁴ Those who swear by the sin of Samaria, Who say, 'As your god lives, O Dan!' And, 'As the way of Beersheba lives!' They shall fall and never rise again."

The Worst Possible Famine

Preaching Today:

Pastor Andrew Schaller of Marquette, MI

OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

- C** **♪ 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 OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

- C** **♪ We, Lord, would lay at Thy behest
The costliest offerings on Thy shrine;
But when we give, and give our best,
We give Thee only what is Thine.**

PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
- C** **♪ Amen, amen, a – men.**

✠ Announcements ✠

Thank you to Pastor Andrew Schaller for bringing us God's Word this morning in the Sermon. Pastor Schaller is the pastor of our sister congregation, Calvary Lutheran Church of Marquette, MI. Marquette is forecasted to have accumulated 12-18 inches of snow by this evening, so the Schallers chose a good time to come down! Please pray for their safe return to Michigan.

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Today:** Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ **Today:** Guest Preacher – Rev. Andrew Schaller
- ✠ **March 3:** Communion and Fellowship Snack
- ✠ **March 3:** Ladies of Immanuel & Board of Elders
- ✠ **March 6:** Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30pm

Sexagesima? This year we are going back to the traditional church year calendar which includes a “season” between Epiphany and Lent. These three weeks are called “Gesima” Sundays, and are known as “Pre-Lent” Sundays.

These three weeks are not part of the season of Lent, but prepare us for Lent and eventually Easter. The first of these Sundays is called Septuagesima. This word comes from Latin and simply means “Seventy Days.” Sexagesima means “Sixty Days” and Quinquagesima means “Fifty Days”. It is that simple. These days point us ahead to Easter and give us a general idea of how many days we have left until the celebration of our Savior’s resurrection.

The message of missions and God’s love for all people will change to a message of the New Covenant that has been made between God and man through Christ’s death and resurrection. Repentance also will have a significant role, pointing to the need of humbling ourselves before the Lord so we may receive healing and forgiveness from Him. You will also notice a visible change. The white paraments in the church will be replaced by purple ones which signify repentance. To that end, may the Spirit of our God bless us as we hear and heed the Word of God’s Truth through this special season of the Church Year!

CLC Call News Teacher Andrew Roehl, of Messiah of Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to teach at Valley Bible Academy of Clarkston, WA.

Midweek Lenten Services begin with Ash Wednesday on March 6. We will be holding evening Lenten services each Wednesday from March 6 to April 10 at 6:30 pm. The Lenten service theme this year is **“Ironies of the Passion.”** Please make a point to take time out of your busy schedules to come and join us each Wednesday night. Evening Lenten services are an effective way to prepare your hearts during Lent for our Savior’s passion and a truly wonderful way to look forward to His victory on Easter. We hope to see you here!

Daily Rest Devotional In a few weeks, the first “Daily Rest” devotional will be given to each household in the congregation. This devotional is a project developed by the CLC Board of Education and Publications and contributed to by many CLC Pastors. “Daily Rest” will be a subscription-based devotion periodical delivered **four** times per year with daily devotions for the subsequent fourteen weeks. This first issue is being distributed free of charge to each family in the CLC and will hold devotions for each weekday from March 6 through June 8. If you are interested in subscribing to receive these devotions delivered to you, subscriptions are \$15 a year. A sign-up list will be posted in a few weeks.

Shut-in/Encouragement List **Betty Sweet** is now living at the memory care facility at Spring Haven. **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno** continues to receive treatment for her kidney condition and is awaiting a transplant. **Ray Seger** remains shut-in. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive. **Sharon Brown** is recovering at home from a bout with pneumonia. **Crystal Shaw** has many blood clots in her heart, lungs, and legs, and is receiving treatment to prevent a heart attack. **Bill Hartmann’s** health is deteriorating. Please keep Bill and Liz in your prayers. **David Kleinschmidt** is having some heart troubles, please pray that the Lord would grant him healing. **Richard Cook** is in hospice after going into cardiac arrest last weekend.

Last Week (2/17) WH – 39

General = \$1491.12 | Building = \$50 | ILC Building = \$30
Property = \$50 | Scholarship Fund = \$10 | **Total Offering** = \$1,631.12

March Usher: Goodwin | **Acolyte (3/3):** Grant R.
| **Cleaner (3/2):** Bernthal