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(414) 534-7279 (863) 967-5145 ⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, ⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. ⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. ⁸ You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked. ⁹ Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place-- the Most High, who is my refuge-- ¹⁰ no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. ¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. ¹² On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

→ Order of Divine Worship →

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #145

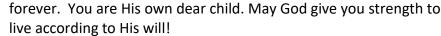
"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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

- 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.
- Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from conception.
 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 gives



Amen!

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

- When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.
- With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.
- P Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, Who is my refuge—
- No evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.
- P For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
- On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.
- P You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

LORD, HAVE MERCY and GLORY TO GOD



PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray. ... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

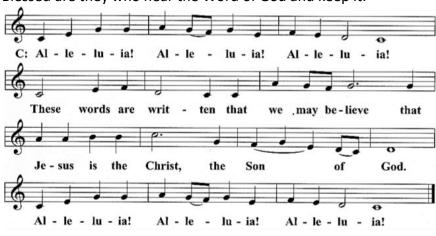
C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING - Deuteronomy 26:1-11 "When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³ And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.' ⁴ Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. ⁵ "And you shall make response before the LORD your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶ And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷ Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8 And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. 9 And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. 11 And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

EPISTLE READING – 1 Peter 5:6-11 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of

suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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



CONFESSION OF FAITH

The 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 also 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.

SERMON - Luke 4:1-13 Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. ³ And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." 4 But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶ And the devil said to Him. "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. ⁷ "Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." 8 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve." ⁹ Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. 10 "For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you, 11 "and, In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone." 12 And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" 13 Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

The Roaring Lion Meets His Match

As your Champion, Jesus beat the Devil's temptation to:

I. Distrust His Father's will

II. Take the easy way out

III. Put His Father to the test

OFFERTORY

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

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

HYMN: TLH #144 "Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing"

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS —

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed on the next page:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #438:4 "Almighty Father, Heaven...

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 and the LORD'S PRAYER



Order of Holy Communion



- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts!
- We lift them up to the Lord!
- P It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God: Who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:
- ☑ A Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabbaoth, adored; Heaven 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 *Lk.* 22:19-20; *Mt.* 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



Please Note: The Lord's Supper is described in 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 as a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicines, of course, it must be used at the right time for the right purpose by the right person, lest it do more harm than good. That is one reason we ask our visitors...please speak to the pastor before you commune with us. Thank you!

THE DISTRIBUTION

Approach at the usher's direction.

P Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

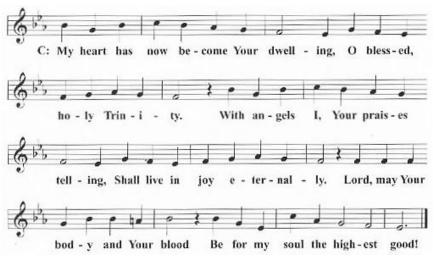
Take and drink. This cup is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

May this body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. Amen.





P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.



THE BENEDICTION:

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

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!



Lent Began last week with Ash Wednesday on February 26th. Lent is a 40 day period of time in which we mourn our sins, preparing our heart for the events of Holy Week. To help you adequately prepare, we hold Wednesday night services for the 6 weeks of Lent. At 6:30 each Wednesday night, we will be meditatively reading the events of Holy Week, focusing in on what Christ did to win our salvation.

Looking Ahead...

- ☆ Mar. 1: Communion & Snack
- ☆ Mar. 1: Board of Education
- ☆ Mar. 1: Ladies of Immanuel
- ☆ Mar. 7: Church Work Day
- ☆ Mar. 8: Orlando Service 8 am
- ☆ Mar. 15: Auditing Committee
- ☆ Mar. 29: Trustees and Council
- ♣ Apr. 5: Quarterly Voters Mtg.

Please take time out of your busy schedules and make time for your Lord's passion. Our Lenten theme this year is "Three Words of Truth."

Church Work Day is being planned for the morning of this Saturday, March 7th. The following weekend is Confirmation Day, so we are hoping to get the property cleaned up well! There are a lot of projects to get done, so please make some time to come help fix/clean up your church property. If you are planning on coming to workday, please speak with Pastor or Ed or sign up on the sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary, so that we can figure out what projects we will be able to accomplish.

E-Giving is available for those who wish to use it. If you have PayPal, you can send your offering to "immanuelwinterhaven@gmail.com," or you can go to our church website and click the small "PayPal" button at the very bottom of the page for a direct link. If you send an offering this way, please select "Friends and Family." Using the note section, you are welcome to make designations for your offerings as well as include your envelope number.

Prayers for India Update Pastor Benjamin went in for questioning this past Monday with a lawyer and a friend with good political influence. After giving some careful answers to the police, he was let go without any further action being planned against him. Let us thank the Lord for Pastor Benjamin's faithfulness and bravery during these difficult times. Our prayer is that the Lord would continue to protect him and the other workers in India, giving them courage and comfort in the midst of the many difficulties they face.

The 2020 ManUp! Men's Retreat will be held September 24-27, 2020, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, about an hour south of La Crosse. ManUp! offers strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. The cost is \$75, including lodging and meals. You can register at this link: wwww.tinyurl.com/manup-2020. Visit our website,www.manup.clclutheran.org, for more information, pictures of previous "ManUp" weekends, and reviews of those who have attended in the past. You may contact Phil Strike at plstrike?@aol.com with any questions. We look forward to seeing you in September!

CLC Call News Pastor Terrel Kesterson has returned the call extended to him by Bowdle, SD and Zion, Ipswich, SD. <> Missionary Peter Evenson has returned the call extended to him by Bethel, Morris, MN. <> Pastor Matthew Hanel, St. Matthew, Dallas, TX has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Pastor Michael Gurath, Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, has been called by Berea Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD. <> <u>Teacher Neil Bernthal</u>, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has been called by Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran, West Columbia, SC to be Principal and upper grades teacher. <> Teacher Joshua Ohlmann, Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY to be their Principal/Teacher. <> Mrs. Sarah Ude, Middleton, WI has been called by Faith, Markesan, WI to be their upper grades teacher.

Shut-in/Encouragement List Emily Kuehne suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. Patti Meno continues to receive regular dialysis and is awaiting a kidney/. transplant. Bill Issitt III remains mostly housebound due to poor health. Johanna Jaehnigen remains mostly housebound. Crystal Shaw has recently received a positive diagnosis and is awaiting more doctor analysis. Bill Hartmann's health is deteriorating. Loye Issitt is receiving regular dialysis. Bob Doriot is undergoing hip replacement surgery very soon.

<u>Last Week</u> (2/23) WH – 38 Orlando – 12 Ash Wednesday – 21

General = \$1,283 | ILC Scholarship = \$50 | CLC Missions = \$50

Building Fund = \$50

Total = \$1,433

March Usher: Steve Goodwin | Cleaning (3/7): Rodebaugh | Acolyte (3/8): Grant R.