

March 13, 2022

2nd Sunday in Lent

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IF YOU REALLY WANT TO  
SEE THE CHRIST...

JOHN 12:20-26



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Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer! 2 O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? 3 But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him. 4 Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. 5 Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord. 6 There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord!" 7 You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound. 8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you lone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

We welcome all in the Name of Jesus! Someone said: "Whom we seek to please shows who pleases us." This is a simple fact of life. Our congregation is made up of sinners redeemed by the precious blood of God's Son. Because of God's undeserved kindness toward man, we strive by the grace of God, to please our Savior by worshiping Him "in spirit and in truth," even as He wishes (John 4:24). This includes above all else, preaching His Word faithfully. If it also pleases you that we are seeking to please God rather than men, then so much the better. Please come often, for you are always welcome among us!

## Order of Divine Worship

**Hymn: TLH #159 Children Song**

**"Go to Dark Gethsemane"**

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

**C** ♪ **A - - - men.**

### CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION:

**P** Pastor

**C** Congregation

**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

*Psalm 74:1-3*

**P** For zeal for your house has consumed me,  
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

**C** O God, why do you cast us off forever?  
Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?

**P** Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage! Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.

**C** Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins;  
the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary!

### GLORIA PATRI

*Latin for "Glory be to the Father"*

The musical score for the Gloria Patri is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef. The melody is in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are: "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." The score includes a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and a final cadence.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

*Luke 13:35*

**P** Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the 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** O Lord God, You see that we have no strength of our own to live according to Your will. Although we would follow Your Son, our Lord and Savior, all the way to the glory He has promised, we do not see the trials that lie ahead. So keep us steady both outwardly and inwardly, that we who wish to see Jesus in glory, may behold Him constantly by faith throughout our earthly journey. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God forever.

**C** *♩* A - - - men.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 52:7-15** How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, “Your God reigns!” 8 Your watchmen shall lift up their voices, With their voices they shall sing together; For they shall see eye to eye When the Lord brings back Zion. 9 Break forth into joy, sing together, You waste places of Jerusalem! For the Lord has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem. 10 The Lord has made bare His holy arm In the eyes of all the nations; And all the ends of the earth shall see The salvation of our God. 11 Depart! Depart! Go out from there, Touch no unclean thing; Go out from the midst of her, Be clean, You who bear the vessels of the Lord. 12 For you shall not go out with haste, Nor go by flight; For the Lord will go before you, And the God of Israel will be your

rear guard. The Sin-Bearing Servant 13 Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. 14 Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men; 15 So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; For what had not been told them they shall see, And what they had not heard they shall consider.

**EPISTLE READING – 1Corinthians 1:18-25** For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.” 20 Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. 22 For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*The 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: TLH #178**

**“We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died”**

**SERMON – John 12:20-26** Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast. 21 Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” 22 Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus. 23 But Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour has come that

the Son of Man should be glorified. 24 Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. 25 He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

## DO YOU REALLY WANT TO SEE JESUS?

- I. YOU MUST KNOW HIS ROUTE TO \_\_\_\_\_ .
- II. YOU MUST KNOW WHAT IS \_\_\_\_\_  
OF THOSE WHO WOULD SERVE HIM.
- III. YOU MUST KNOW THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THOSE  
WHO FOLLOW HIM.

### OFFERTORY

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- 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.

**Hymn: TLH #361**

**“O Jesus, King, Most Wonderful”**

#### - OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

*Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:*

**OFFERING: TLH #442:2**

**“Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us”**

- C** ♪ Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee- Gladly, freely, of Thine own; With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

### PRAYERS & the BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

- 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.

**HYMN: TLH #429 v.1**

**“Lord ,Thee I Love with All My Heart”**

## ✝ Announcements ✝

Welcome! And congratulations to Grant Bernthal on the completion of his confirmation instruction and reception into full membership of Immanuel Lutheran Church. What a joy and privilege it is to have been able to take part in the instruction of this fine Christian young man. Please continue to keep him in your prayers over the coming years! May the Lord bless you both!

- ✝ **Mar. 13:** Orlando Service 8a
- ✝ **Mar. 13:** 10:15am WH
- ✝ **Mar. 20:** WH 10:15am
- ✝ **Mar. 20:** Board of Education, Trustees, and Church Council Meet after church
- ✝ **Mar. 27:** Orland Service 8a
- ✝ **Mar. 27:** WH 10:15am
- ✝ **Apr. 3:** Bible Class 9:15a  
Communion Service WH  
10:15a; Voters' Meeting

**Last Week:** WH – 34 Bible Class – 14  
**Total Offering** = \$3,430.25

General = \$1905.25 | CLC Missions = \$50 |

Property = \$100 | ILC SCH = \$350 | Tuition = \$400 | Kuehne Memorial \$25

**CLC NEWS:** Mr. Luke Willitz, a member of Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN has been called to be the pastor of Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. ♦ Mrs. Dawn Mayhew, a member of Redeemer has been called to be the teacher and principal of Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY. ♦ Mrs. Becky Buck, a member of Messiah has accepted the call to be the 3rd & 4th grade teacher at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI. ♦ ILC Professor Joel Gullerud has returned the call to be teacher and principal of Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. ♦ Ms. Claire Abbas of Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane Valley, WA, has accepted the call to be the lower grade teacher at Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN.

**Pastor Fossum** Pastor Fossum will be returning to preach April 3 and April 10. There will be Bible Class at 9:15 a.m. on April 3. He will be conducting Orlando service the following Sunday, April 10 and returning for the Winter Haven service at 10:15 a.m. There will be no Bible Class that Sunday.

**Cleaner (3/19):** Naumann | **Acolyte (3/20):** Hayden Morris

**Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; March 14-19, '22**

**Mon Jeremiah 26:8-16** The clergy opposed Jeremiah because he threatened their status, and so they ganged up on him. Jeremiah did not cave in, for God had given him a holy assignment. When the civil authorities were called in, Jeremiah explained God's plan all over again, and they sided with Jeremiah.

A good first step. Note: Having skin in the game can make a person biased and on the wrong side of God's enterprise. Lord, have mercy!

**Tues Luke 13:31-35** These Pharisees may have had ulterior motives in urging Jesus to get out of town, for Jesus sent them back to their boss to report that He was not intimidated. Rather, He asserted that He would take no shortcuts from reaching His goal of being perfected (31-33) via Calvary and the empty tomb. The window of opportunity was closing on Herod, Pharisees, and all Jewry—and who would be the loser? They, not Jesus (34-35).

**Wed Philippians 3:17-4:1** Walking happens when we take one balanced step after another, moving forward. Here the Apostle Paul encourages us to walk in tandem with other Christians—sharing our balance and stride with others, somewhat like partners in a three-legged gunnysack race. We learn to copy one another's good steps as we march forward together. "I walk with Jesus all the way; my walk is heavenward all the way." We belong together.

**Thurs Jeremiah 26:17-24** Some old-timers had gone through the drill before, and from at least one case they had learned that when people repent, God relents (1). People don't always repent, of course, and that brought to mind another case that ended badly for the prophet (20-23). Now, what about Jeremiah? His case would have ended badly, too, except that Ahikam, prince of Judah, intervened and took Jeremiah into protective custody (24).

**Fri Matthew 23:34-39** Every Hebrew knew Zechariah's significance, and true Israelies shuddered at the barbarism of his assassins, who murdered this servant of God while he was conducting a worship service in church! Jerusalem was rotten to the core, and Jesus tried over and over to rescue its people from hellfire. Lord, have mercy on our rotting world, too!

**Sat Colossians 2:6-10 and Philippians 3:17-21 in poetic form: (TLH: 413)**

My walk is heavenward all the way; Await, my soul, the morrow,  
When thou shalt find release for aye From all thy sin and sorrow.  
All worldly pomp, be gone! To heaven I now press on.  
For all the world I would not stay!  
My walk is heavenward all the way. Amen.

The following was recently sent to the CLC clergy by Missionary Tod Ohlmann for the purpose of enlisting the prayers of our stateside brethren:

Nepal - The building project of the HCLCN is almost complete. Raju and his family have recently moved from Kathmandu to the Chitwan district, where the new HCLCN seminary and headquarters building is located. The building will be dedicated, and seminary classes will begin in late March when Missionary Ohlmann is scheduled to visit. With a lifting of Covid restrictions, the HCLCN is



planning to start more preaching stations and continue construction and repairs on church buildings in the coming months. Thank the Lord for His continued blessings on the building project as final preparations are made for the dedication and the beginning of classes. Ask the Lord to bless the teaching of His Word in this building that many more faithful preachers and teachers will be trained to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray also for those who will be reached with the Gospel during the upcoming evangelism trips, that many will hear, repent, believe in Jesus, and rejoice with us in God's grace and mercy!

Bangladesh -Pastor Monotosh reports that the individuals who were assaulted because of their faith in Jesus have been released from the hospital and are slowly recovering from their injuries. Pastor Monotosh has been busy in recent weeks with evangelism efforts. A pastoral training seminar for fourteen pastors and elders of the BLCM and several evangelism seminars are being planned while Missionary Ohlmann will be in Bangladesh. Give thanks to our Savior for the healing granted to His disciples who have suffered for His name's sake. Ask the Lord to continue to bless both the preaching and hearing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the evangelism efforts scheduled in Bangladesh.

Myanmar - Life continues to be difficult for our brothers and sisters in Myanmar as the military junta continues to rule with brutality. Many protestors have been imprisoned, killed, or are missing. The military continues to make it difficult for Christians to gather for worship and prayer. Most government offices and services remain closed along with banks and financial institutions. Food and daily necessities are scarce, and prices have increased. We are thankful that the Lord has provided an opportunity to send funds to Myanmar again so that we may help our brothers and sisters in Christ. Pray for justice and peace for all the people of Myanmar. Pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Christ that the Lord will grant them strength, courage, and boldness during these difficult times.

Togo - The classroom and small dormitory construction is almost finished on church land north of Lomé. Classes with a new cohort of students are scheduled to begin on March 21st. The long-term plan for this property is to serve as the church headquarters and Bible institute. Missionary Evensen has been busy translating and printing lessons for the new semester. Pray that the Lord would bless these new buildings, the truth of God's word that will be taught there, and the students who will study to prepare for the Gospel ministry in Togo.

Tanzania - Classes with a new cohort of ten students have recently begun at the Wittenberg Lutheran Theological Seminary of the CLC-Tanzania. These students will spend the first year studying basic theology, Bible History, and English as they prepare for seminary classes next January. Ask for the Lord's blessings on these new students and those called to teach and train them.

Kenya - Ted Quade, who is called by the CLC Bd of Missions to serve as the Christian School Instructor Supervisor, and Missionary Ohlmann recently returned from visiting the two schools in Kenya that are supported through

offerings to Kinship. Plans to strengthen the spiritual training of the teachers and students were discussed and have already begun. A water well project at the school in Moi's Bridge and a solar energy system to run the pump and provide lights for some classrooms have been completed. Give thanks to the Lord for His many blessings and ask Him to continue to bless the teachers, students, and the staffs of St. David's Kinship School and Emmaus Millimani School as they grow in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

India - One of the district leaders of the BELC has been suffering with some serious medical issues. He has undergone several tests and is being treated with medicines. Ask the Lord to bless the medical treatments and grant His servant strength and healing. Pray for continued protection against persecution in India and for increased boldness and confidence to spread the Gospel amid these dangers.

2022 Mission Helper Trip - The CLC Mission Helper Trips in 2020 and 2021 were canceled due to the pandemic. Plans are currently underway for a trip to East Africa (Tanzania, Zambia, and Kenya) in July of 2022. Our brothers and sisters in Christ in East Africa are eager for the Mission Helper Teams to come again to assist them in the work of proclaiming God's saving word. Pray that our Savior will clear any obstacles that may stand in the way of this trip and that plans will go smoothly.

Uganda - Pastor Daniel Mugeni has studied with CLC missionaries and attended pastoral conferences in Kenya for many years. Missionary Mike Gurath and Board of Doctrine member Pastor Andrew Schaller are conducting the formal process of reviewing Pastor Mugeni's doctrinal positions for a possible recommendation for a declaration of fellowship. Pray that the Lord would bless this process of establishing God-pleasing fellowship

Zambia, D.R. Congo, Liberia, Nigeria, and Mexico - please continue to pray for all of our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world who are struggling to stay healthy, provide for their families and the ministry as they proclaim the Gospel. trusting the promise of our Savior that His Word will not return to Him void but will accomplish that for which He sent it.

Missionary Evensen - continues to translate Online Theological Studies lessons and courses into French for use in Togo and other French-speaking nations in Africa and elsewhere. He has also been busy getting coursework, textbooks, and lessons ready for the new cohort of students that will begin seminary classes on March 21st. Ask for the Lord's continued blessings on the translation work and course preparation so that many more can benefit from learning the truths of God's saving word in their language that many more will be well prepared to serve in the Gospel ministry.

Missionary Ohlmann - is currently working with our brothers and sisters in Christ of the Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM). After spending two weeks in Bangladesh, he will fly to Kathmandu, where he will work with the pastors and

leaders of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession of Nepal (HCLCN) to spread the Gospel and train pastors and teachers. He is scheduled to visit twelve congregations and preaching stations of the BLCM and teach a three-day pastoral training seminar. While in Nepal, he will be on hand for the dedication of the new HCLCN building and the opening of the Himalayan Lutheran Bible Institute. He will also have the opportunity to preach and teach at several congregations and preaching stations and present a two-day pastoral training seminar. Ask the Lord to bless his travels and to clear any obstacles that may stand in the way of his travels and work. Thank the Lord for this opportunity to assist in the work of proclaiming the Gospel in these nations where less than 5% of the population confess Jesus as Lord and Savior.

The Philippines - Correspondence continues with an independent Lutheran pastor in the Philippines. This pastor has recently completed the first introductory Online Theological Study based on the CLC Statement of Faith and Purpose. A first face-to-face visit is tentatively planned for some time in 2022. Pray that the Lord would continue to bless this correspondence, that it will lead to a God-pleasing unity of faith and teaching. Ask the Lord to provide opportunities and all that is necessary for Pastor Jordan to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ!

New and Ongoing Opportunities - The Lord continues to provide opportunities to proclaim the truths of His saving Word in a variety of ways in different areas of the world. Thank the Lord for the privilege of teaching the truths of His saving Word to others! Pray for these individuals and all those around the world that we are working with as they seek to grow in their understanding of God's Word to be better equipped to spread the Good News of our Savior Jesus Christ!

God be merciful to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us,

That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations. Psalm 67:1-2