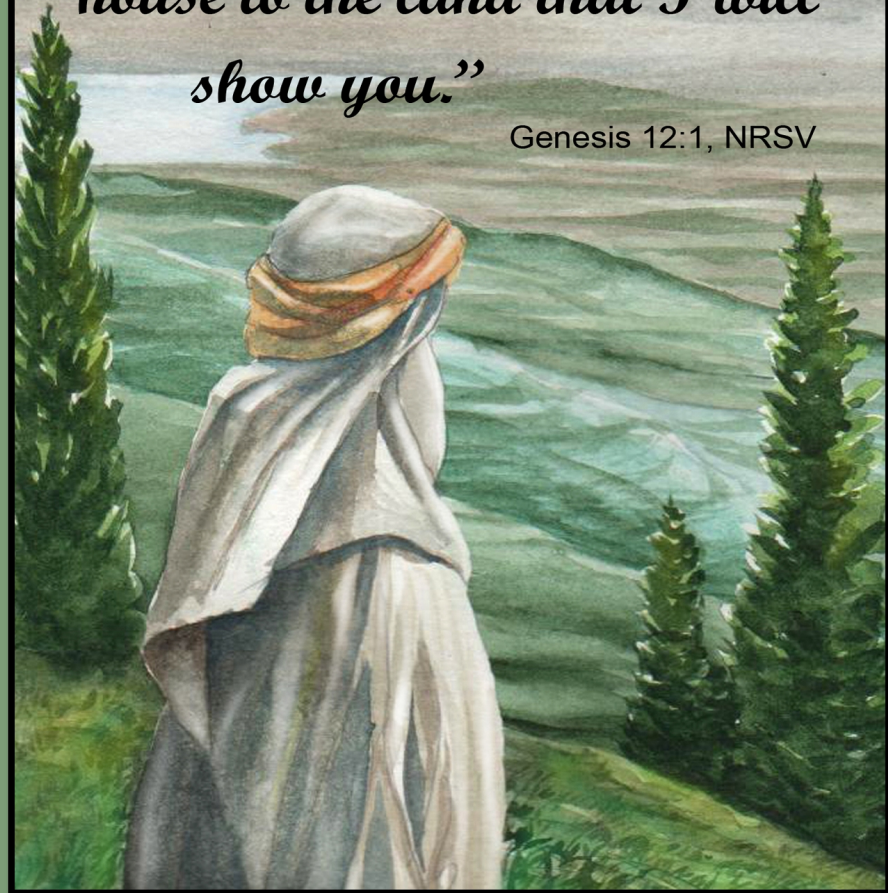


*“Go from your country and
your kindred and your father’s
house to the land that I will
show you.”*

Genesis 12:1, NRSV



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As We Gather

Abraham is a great example of faith. As we often pray for faith and good courage to the Lord who has called us “to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untraveled, through perils unknown,” Abraham lived with this courage. From Haran to Canaan, Abraham was led by the hand of God toward the unfolding future God had prepared in the incarnation of His only-begotten Son to be our Savior and Redeemer. During Lent we join with Abraham of old and all the saints in trusting the Lord through the unknown tomorrows to the outcome and end we do know in Christ—everlasting life.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

797 – Sing Praise to the God of Israel

Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

- 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 from birth. 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 been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy

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

The musical notation for the Kyrie consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics, ending with a double bar line.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the Highest

Glo - ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of
Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You
A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord, At
heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor - ship
bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high: Who, with the
You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al -
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored, With all the
might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

The musical notation for the Gloria in Excelsis consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff continues the melody and lyrics, ending with a double bar line.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Epistle Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

¹ What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” ⁴ Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. ⁵ But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, ¹³ For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect, ¹⁵ because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶ Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all ¹⁷ (as it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 121

P I will lift up my eyes to the hills—

C From whence comes my help?

P My help comes from the LORD,

C Who made heaven and earth.

P He will not allow your foot to be moved;

C He who keeps you will not slumber.

P Behold, He who keeps Israel

C Shall neither slumber nor sleep.

P The LORD is your keeper;

C The LORD is your shade at your right hand.

P The sun shall not strike you by day,

C Nor the moon by night.

P The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;

C He shall preserve your soul.

P The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in

C From this time forth, and even forevermore.

Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

¹ There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” ³ Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? ¹¹ Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Response

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

C Amen.

Children’s Anthem

Lamb of God

Confession of Faith

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.

Hymn

40 – The God of Abraham Praise

Sermon Text

Genesis 12:1-8

¹ Now the LORD had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, From your family And from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you. ² I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ⁴ So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan. ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites were then in the land. ⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your descendants I will give this land.” And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸ And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.



Sermon

Greatness

I. Abraham's

II. Ours

Offertory

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. Restore to me the joy of Your sal -
 va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn

428 – I am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Offering Hymn

441 (1-2)

1. We give Thee but Thine own,
 Whate'er the gift may be;
 All that we have is Thine alone,
 A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2. May we Thy bounties thus
 As stewards true receive
 And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
 To Thee our first-fruits give!

General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

- C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C 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...
...Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and
earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho -
san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Words of Institution

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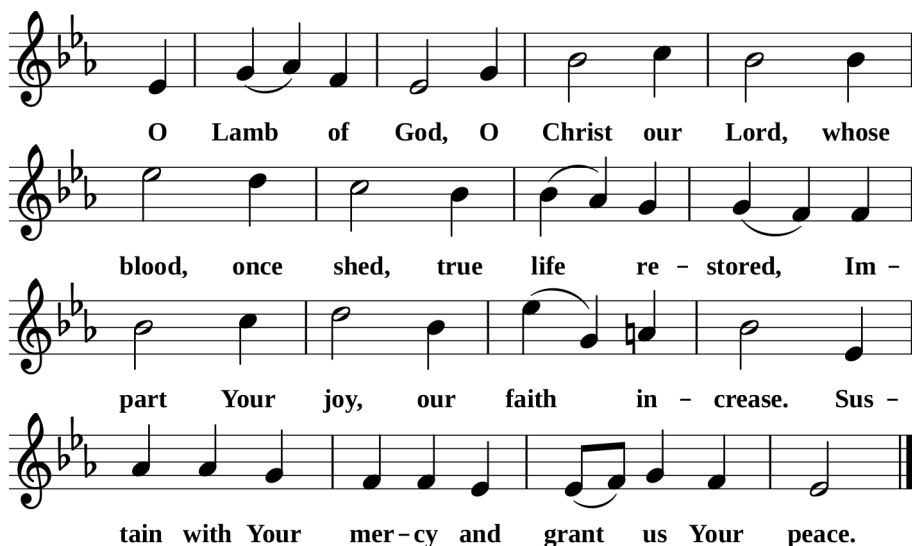
Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.


Distribution

Holy Communion is rightly called a ‘Sacrament’ because it is a “Sacred act;” not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US! Because God’s Word presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:16-17 Romans 16:17-18), we ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church come forward at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone’s faith, but rather an expression of ours. Please speak with pastor if you are seeking a church home or have any questions. We’d love to have you!



Nunc Dimittis

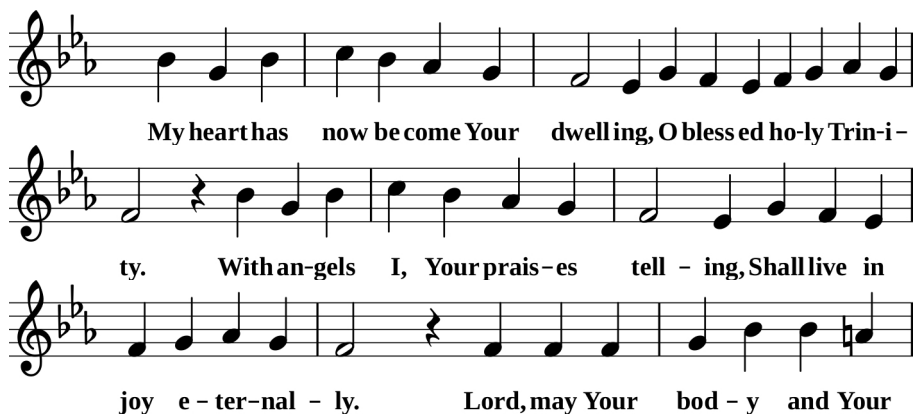
O Lord, Now Let Your Servant



O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De - part in heav'n-ly
All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to the
peace, For I have seen the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing
Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in -
grace: A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho - ly
One; For as in the be - gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er
hill, The glo - ry of Your peo - ple, Your
be, God's tri - une name re - sound - ing Through
cho - sen Is - ra - el.
all e - ter - ni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

Thanksgiving



My heart has now be come Your dwell ing, O bless ed ho - ly Trin - i -
ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in
joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your bod - y and Your

blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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.

Hymn

54 – Guide Me, O thou Great Jehovah

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✠ Announcements ✠

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

Upcoming Schedule

March 5	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Board of Education and Elders Meetings
March 8	6:30 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship Service
March 12	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
March 15	6:30 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship Service
March 19	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service

Member Visits: Pastor would like to get to know everyone in the congregation, and to that end, would like to visit with each family individually. These visits are intended as an opportunity for spiritual encouragement and for members to share their concerns, questions, comments, and suggestions. Please find the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and sign up.

Midweek Lenten Worship: This year, our midweek Lenten theme is "Chronicles of the King." Throughout this series, we will explore how the kings of Judah are a shadow of Christ, the King of kings who sits upon the throne of David, His Father, forever. We will see how the kings in Chronicles point us to Christ, who fulfills all the kingly promises that the kings of Judah were unable to realize in themselves. This Wednesday, we consider King Jehoshaphat under the theme: Strange Bedfellows. We hope you will make plans to join us at 6:30 pm.

CLC Call News: Grace Lutheran of Valentine, NE has decided to call a third full-time teacher for their Christian Day School beginning with the 2023-2024 school year and decided to ask for a graduate from ILC's teacher-training program. The teacher will be asked to teach the middle grades, which at present would involve ten 3rd-4th graders. <> Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion Lutheran, Greater Detroit Area, has returned the call to Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran in

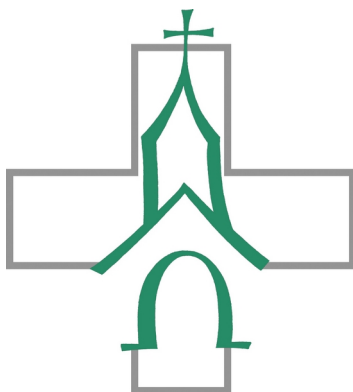
Tacoma, WA. <>Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel, Mankato has returned the call to Messiah, Eau Claire, as the third pastor. <> Mrs. Haley Seffens, a member of Messiah, Eau Claire, WI has accepted the call to teach kindergarten at Messiah, Eau Claire.

Fruits of Faith – February 26, 2023 – Orlando – 13; WH – 25

Immanuel Home	\$1,246.25
Property Improvement	\$125.00
Tuition	\$1,350.00
ILC Schlrshp	\$50.00
Lent	\$70.00
Sign Fund	\$50.00
Total Offering	\$2,891.25

✠ Serving Next Weekend ✠

Cleaner (3/11): Naumann **Acolyte (3/12):** Seth Bernthal



✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

March 6th – 11th

Mon: Luke 10:17-20 – The disciples were astonished at the power displayed when they proclaimed peace in Jesus’ name. It was Jesus’ power, not theirs, and He saw much more than earthly enemies overcome. Even the great Accuser was thrown down from heaven, and the disciples’ names were written in heaven.

Tues: 1 John 2:12-17 – In Jesus the entire church, youngest to oldest, is forgiven, knows the Father, and has overcome the evil one. Therefore they can see clearly that their great treasure is not in the things of the world, which is passing away, but in Him who is from the beginning and who abides forever.

Wed: Luke 22:54-62 – Peter, who thought Jesus’ warning foolish, finds out the same night that his own strength is not up to admitting that he is Jesus’ disciple. After he has thoroughly denied knowing Jesus, he remembers Jesus’ word and is back on the path of repentance to forgiveness.

Thurs: Exodus 33:17-23 – Moses wants to see the Lord’s glory, and the Lord responds by making His goodness pass before him and proclaiming His name. So much more powerful is this than all the glory of the world, that Moses needs special protection, which the Lord graciously supplies.

Fri: Isaiah 42:1-4 – When the Lord presents His Servant, whom His power upholds, it is with words that remind us of Jesus, the beloved Son, in whom the Father is well-pleased (delights). How different is this One from the powerful ones of this world. He is meek and lowly in heart, bringing rest to our souls.

Sat: Isaiah 42:5-8 – Again the glory of the Lord is shown in His goodness and His name. The Servant whom He has called will be a covenant for His people, and a light for the gentiles. He comes to bring freedom to the captives and the light of life to those in the dungeon of darkness. Truly, His is a glory unmatched by all the “saviors” of this world!

