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BEGOTTEN SON

that whosoever
believeth in him
should not perish, but
have everlasting life.

JOHN 3:16, KJV

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As We Gather

If you were to conduct a survey on a congregation's favorite passages from Scripture, both today's Epistle Holy Gospel would likely end up among the most loved, and rightly so. Both of these sets of verses get to the heart of what the faith is all about. They get to heart of what it is that makes Christianity different from all other world religions— things like grace, love, and sacrifice. These big two passages are “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.” (Ephesians 2:8–9) and “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.” (John 3:16). These are verses that we should read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest!

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

297 – The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered.

C **Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity.**

P Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C **Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended You and sinned against Your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to Your promises in Christ Jesus.**

P God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by His death on the cross and freed us from death by His resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Introit

Psalm 27:3-5

- P** Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear;
C **Though war may rise against me, In this I will be confident.**
P One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life,
C **To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.**
P For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion;
C **In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.**

Glory be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be-ginning,
is now, and ev-er shall be for - ev-er more. A - men.

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

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

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics, ending with a double bar line.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis

1 Glory be to God in heav - en, Peace to those He
2 On-ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our
loves so well. On the earth let all His peo - ple
sin a-way, Now with Him in tri-umph seat - ed
Speak His grace, His won - ders tell:
For Your mer - cy, Lord, we pray:
Lord, we praise You for Your glo - ry,
Je - sus Christ, most high and ho - ly,
Might - y Fa - ther, heav-en's King; Hear our joy - ful
Sav - ior You are God a - lone In the glo - ry
ad - o - ra - tion And ac - cept the thanks we bring.
of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

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.

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴ Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. ⁵ And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread." ⁶ So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. ⁷ Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 107:1-9

- P** Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!
- C** **For His mercy endures forever.**
- P** Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
- C** **Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,**
- P** And gathered out of the lands,
- C** **From the east and from the west, From the north and from the south.**
- P** They wandered in the wilderness in a desolate way;
- C** **They found no city to dwell in.**
- P** Hungry and thirsty,
- C** **Their soul fainted in them.**
- P** Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,
- C** **And He delivered them out of their distresses.**
- P** And He led them forth by the right way,
- C** **That they might go to a city for a dwelling place.**
- P** Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness,
- C** **And for His wonderful works to the children of men!**
- P** For He satisfies the longing soul,
- C** **And fills the hungry soul with goodness.**

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹ And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Response

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

C Amen.

Confession of Faith

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

245 – God Loved the World So that He Gave

Sermon Text

John 3:14-21

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. ¹⁸ “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹ But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”



Sermon

Rejoice in the Love of Christ

Offertory

Create 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, and take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un-to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion; and up -
hold me with Your free spir-it. A - men.

Hymn

175 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Offering

Offering Hymn

443 (1, 8)



1 O Lord of heav'n and earth and sea, To
2 To Thee, from whom we all de - rive Our
Thee all praise and glo - ry be. How
life, our gifts, our pow'r to give. Oh,
shall we show our love to Thee, Who giv - est all?
may we ev - er with Thee live, Who giv - est all!

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.

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

394 – My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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✠ Announcements ✠

Upcoming Schedule

March 10	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
March 12	7:00 pm	ILC Tour Choir Convert
March 13	7:30 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
March 17	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service
March 20	2:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
March 24	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)

Upcoming Meetings: Here is a schedule of our upcoming meetings:

- **April 7** – Quarterly Voters’ Meeting
- **May 5** – Board of Education/Board of Elders
- **June 2** – Board of Trustees/Church Council

Midweek Lenten Worship: Midweek worship services continue throughout the Lenten season on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm. (Note: The service on 3/13 is now scheduled for 7:00 pm). These services prepare us to consider our identity and connection with the Passion of Christ as the baptized children of God. We do so through the eyes of the Holy Evangelist, Saint John, as we hear, in John 18–19, of Jesus’ betrayal and arrest, Jesus facing Annas and Caiaphas, Jesus before Pilate, Jesus delivered, Jesus crucified, and Jesus’ death and burial.

Easter Lilies: Celebrate the joy and beauty of Easter by signing up for Easter lilies! These lovely flowers will enhance the splendor of our Easter worship service, and are available for just \$10 each. This year, there are only eight available, so don’t miss out on this opportunity to contribute to our Easter celebration. Sign up before March 24th on the sign-up sheet on the organ.

Youth Camp: CLC Youth Camp will be taking place on the Immanuel campus in Eau Claire, June 9-15, 2024. It is a week-long camp of faith, fellowship, and fun. Camp is open to kids going into grades 6-9 and the cost is \$140/camper. There is also a morning pre-camp program available for kids going into grades K-5 with a cost of \$60/camper. Registration will open Saturday, March 16th at 10 AM CST. For more information visit youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp, or email the camp directors Amber Casto and Sam Radermacher at youthcamp.clc@gmail.com.

Retirement Gift: Professor Mark Kranz has announced his retirement effective at the end of the current academic year. His faithful service to our church and our school will be acknowledged during the ILC Class Day/Graduation festivities on May 17-18. Our custom is to present a monetary gift as a token of our appreciation. CLC members are invited to contribute to this gift which will be presented to him at Graduation (May 18). Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran College and indicate: "Prof. Kranz Retirement." Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

ManUp! Weekend: Registration is open for the 2024 ManUp! Weekend, which will be held on September 26-29, 2024, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The weekend will offer 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. Register and send in your payment before August 31 for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on and after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the ManUp! website here: <http://www.manup.clclutheran.org> and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today, and spread the word!

CLC News: Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church and School, Phoenix, AZ has returned the call from Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Mankato, MN. Immanuel Lutheran has now called Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace Ev. Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN. <> Teacher Neil Bernthal of Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven, FL, is still considering the call from Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI. <> Teacher Levi Schaller of Grace Lutheran School, Fridley, MN, is still considering the call from Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI; and Teacher Levi is still considering the call from Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. <> Teacher Matthew Kranz, Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, is still considering the call to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI to be their 5th- 6th grade teacher and assistant principal. <> Teacher Josh Ohlmann Holy Trinity West Columbia, SC is still considering the call to teach at Gethsemane in Saginaw MI.

Fruits of Faith		March 3, 2024	Attendance: WH – 39	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>		
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>		
\$3,115.25	General Budget	\$250.00	CLC General Budget	
\$1,423.00	Weekly Need	-\$57.69	Weekly Need	
+\$1,692.25	-Under / +Over	+\$192.31	-Under / +Over	
\$16,572.75	Year to Date Offerings	\$330.00	Year to Date Offerings	
\$12,807.00	Year to Date Need	\$519.21	Year to Date Need	
+\$3,765.75	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$189.21	Year to Date (+/-)	
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		
	Building Fund		ILC Student Aid Fund	
	Property Improvement		ILC Building Fund	
	ILC Scholarship Fund		ILC Improvement Fund	
	Tuition Grant		Mission Development (MDF)	
	Benevolence Fund		Project Kinship	
	Sign Fund		ILC Tour Choir	

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

March 11-16

Monday: John 11:47-52 – The Sanhedrin leaders are worried because Jesus is doing many miraculous signs, fearing the loss of their temple and nation. Caiaphas unwittingly prophesies that He is going to die for the people.

Tuesday: John 11:53-57 – From that day on the leaders plotted to kill Jesus. It is now only a question of when and how. The order goes out that whoever knows where He is should report to them. But God will cause their evil plans to work for good and bring about our salvation.

Wednesday: Hebrews 10:1-10 – The Old Testament animal sacrifices could not take away sins, but fore- shadowed (verse 1) the coming sacrifice of Christ (verses 7,9). This would be the one sacrifice for all the people.

Thursday: Hebrews 10:11-14 – The constant repetition of the animal sacrifices showed that they did not accomplish the atonement for our sins, but the once-for-all-time sacrifice of Jesus indicates that our redemption is complete.

Friday: Isaiah 42:1-4 – God's chosen and beloved Servant, endowed by the Spirit, will bring good news of gentleness and healing to the nations, even to the gentiles and coastlands.

Saturday: Isaiah 42:5-8 – The Creator of all people on earth will make His righteous Servant both the Fulfiller of the covenant with Israel and a Light to the gentiles (verse 6). To Him be all praise and glory! (verse 8)