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Romans 5:19



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As We Gather

When a deadly outbreak occurs, experts frantically search for "Patient Zero" to understand the disease and develop a cure. Long before modern medicine, humanity was infected with a terminal, spiritual condition boasting a 100% mortality rate. As we observe the First Sunday in Lent today, the Apostle Paul points us back to our spiritual Patient Zero in Romans chapter 5. The diagnosis is devastating. The infection of sin runs deep within our very veins, earning us death. Yet, we do not gather in our pews today in despair. We gather because the Great Physician has willingly stepped into our quarantine. Today, we confront the grim reality of our inherited condition so we might marvel all the more at the Divine Antidote.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

369 – All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 51:15, 5; 32:1; Romans 5:19; John 1:29

P O Lord, open my lips,

C **And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.**

P Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

C **And in sin my mother conceived me.**

P Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,

C **Whose sin is covered.**

P For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners,

C **So also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.**

P Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of God.

C **You take away the sin of the world.**

Confession and Absolution

P On this First Sunday in Lent, we face a stark reality: we are infected. Like an inherited disease, sin has permeated our hearts, minds, and actions. We cannot cure ourselves, and death reigns by our own fault. Yet we gather not in despair, but in the presence of the Great Physician. Let us therefore draw near to God our Father, confessing our fatal condition and pleading for His life-giving remedy.

C Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have inherited the deadly affliction of sin and proven our infection by our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have yielded to temptation, hidden from Your presence, and rebelled against Your will. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who took our sickness and faced our temptations, have mercy on us. Forgive, heal, and lead us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His boundless mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Christ is the divine antidote to your sin and death. His perfect obedience and His innocent suffering and death have conquered the grave and secured for you the abundance of grace. As a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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 ✠

Glory be to the Father

Gloria Patri

P In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.



Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis



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.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

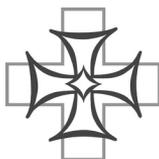
C And also with you.

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.



¹ Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’” ² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; ³ but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. ⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.” ¹¹ And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?” ¹² Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³ And the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” ¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent: “Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.” ¹⁶ To the woman He said: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.” ¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. ¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. ¹⁹ In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.” ²⁰ And Adam called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹ Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 32:1-7

- P** Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,
C **Whose sin is covered.**
- P** Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity,
C **And in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
- P** When I kept silent, my bones grew old
C **Through my groaning all the day long.**
- P** For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
C **My vitality was turned into the drought of summer.**
- P** I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden.
C **I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P** For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You In a time when You may be found;
C **Surely in a flood of great waters They shall not come near him.**
- P** You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble;
C **You shall surround me with songs of deliverance.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. ³ Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.” ⁴ But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’” ⁵ Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: ‘He shall give His angels charge over you,’ and, ‘In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.’” ⁷ Jesus said to him, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’” ⁸ Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’” ¹¹ Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

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

377 (1, 3-5, 10) – Salvation unto Us has Come

Sermon Text

Romans 5:12-19

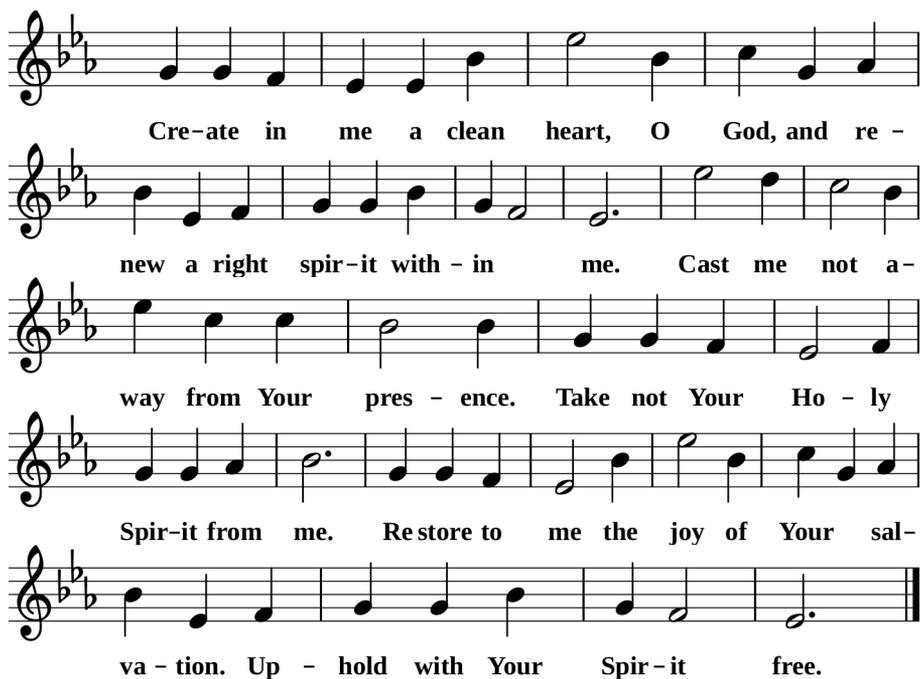
¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—¹³ (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. ¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. ¹⁶ And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. ¹⁷ For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) ¹⁸ Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. ¹⁹ For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.



Sermon

Patient Zero and the Divine Antidote

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.

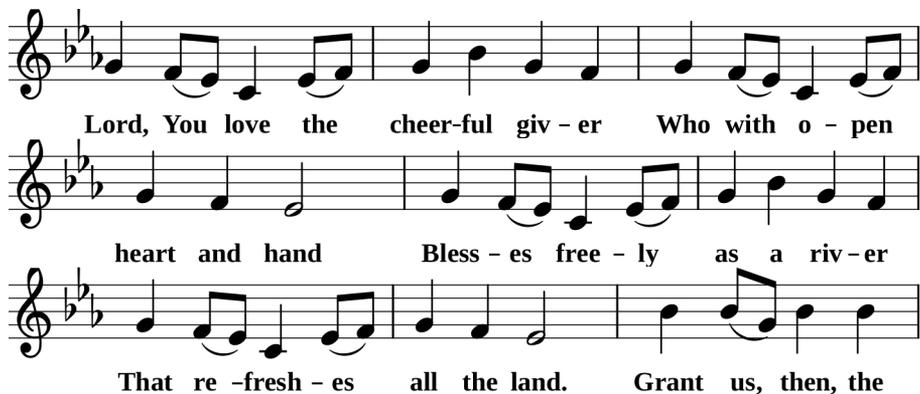
Hymn

149 – Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

Offering

Offering Hymn

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Lord, You love the cheer-ful giv - er Who with o - pen
heart and hand Bless - es free - ly as a riv - er
That re - fresh - es all the land. Grant us, then, the

grace of giv-ing With a spir-it large and true
 That our life and all our liv-ing
 We may con-se-crate to You.

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

220 – Jesus, My Great High Priest

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✠ Announcements ✠

Upcoming Schedule – winterhavenlutheran.com/church-calendar

February 22	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
February 25	2:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
February 27	10:30 am	Learning with Littles
March 1	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Board of Trustees/Church Council
March 4	2:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
March 8	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)

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

- **March 1** – Trustees/Church Council
- **April 5** – Quarterly Voters' Meeting
- **May 3** – Education/Elders

In Our Prayers: Please keep our shut-in members in your prayers: Don Beymer, Bob & Joan Doriot, Johanna Jaehnigen, David & Elsie Kleinschmidt, Shirley Rosenberry, and Mike Sheffield.

Looking Forward to Next Sunday: When we hear the word "cover-up," we immediately think of scandals, corruption, and desperate attempts to hide the truth. In our world, a cover-up is a crime destined to be exposed. But next Sunday, we will discover that in God's courtroom, a cover-up is our only hope! In our sermon text from Romans 4:1–8, 13–17, the Apostle Paul points us to Abraham and David to reveal the glorious truth of justification by faith alone. David rejoices, "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered" (Rom. 4:7, NKJV). Join us next week as we explore "The Ultimate Cover-Up," marveling at how Jesus' blood completely covers our guilt forever.

Midweek Lenten Series: Set Free: The Gospel in Exodus: Our midweek Lenten services have begun. This year, our meditation follows the theme "Set Free: The Gospel in Exodus." We are exploring how the Old Testament account of Israel's rescue from Egypt foreshadows our own rescue from sin and death. Just as God heard the cries of His people in bondage, He hears us and answers us in Christ Jesus.

Please join us for the remainder of these opportunities to grow in grace and the knowledge of our Savior's passion. All services are at 2:00 PM.

Service Schedule:

- **Feb 25:** The Good News of a God Who Reveals Himself to Us (Exodus 3:1-15)
- **Mar 4:** The Good News of a God Who Sends a Deliverer (Exodus 4:1-20)
- **Mar 11:** The Good News of a God Who Passes over Us in Mercy (Exodus 12:1-14)
- **Mar 18:** The Good News of a God Who Makes a Way for Us (Exodus 14:5-31)
- **Mar 25:** The Good News of a God Who Sustains on Our Journey (Exodus 16:1-18, 35)

Divine Call Received: Our lower grade teacher, Ms. Katie Naumann, has received a divine Call to serve as teacher and principal at Redeemer Lutheran School in Cheyenne, Wyoming. She shares the following letter:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ here at Immanuel,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I am writing to share that I have received a Divine Call to serve at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

During this time of deliberation, I ask for your prayers — that the Holy Spirit would grant wisdom, clarity, and peace as I seek to discern where my gifts and talents may best serve His Kingdom.

Proverbs 3:5-6 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”

Thank you for walking with me in prayer during this time.

In His service,
Katie Naumann

Fruits of Faith		February 15, 2026		Attendance: WH – 24	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>			
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>			
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✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

February 23 – February 28, 2026

Monday - *Matthew 4:1-11*

Jesus, our Substitute, was tempted in all ways like we are, yet without sin, that through both His living and His dying, we might be reconciled to God. He took no short-cuts to save us all.

Tuesday - *2 Corinthians 6:1-10*

Paul urges us to rely on God's abundant grace in all troubles, hardships, and difficulties. As the apostles were sustained through suffering, so shall all God's children also be upheld.

Wednesday - *Genesis 3*

The whole reason for Jesus' suffering and death on the cross is laid out for us in this chapter. Adam and Eve's fall into sin is answered by the LORD's promise of victory over the Tempter (verse 15).

Thursday - *Psalms 16*

During the Lenten season, this Psalm is worth repeating, as both Peter and Paul (Acts 2 and 13) quoted from it as referring to Jesus. In His suffering, He trusted in God's promise of resurrection (verse 10).

Friday - *Psalms 32:1-7*

With the promise of forgiveness, the LORD invites us to acknowledge our sin, confessing our transgressions. The interludes (Selah) may give us pause to ponder the wonder of His deliverance.

Saturday - *Psalms 32:8-11*

May our gracious God teach us always to walk in His ways, trusting in His mercy, that others may observe our rejoicing in the LORD and also be drawn to trust His forgiving grace in Christ.

