

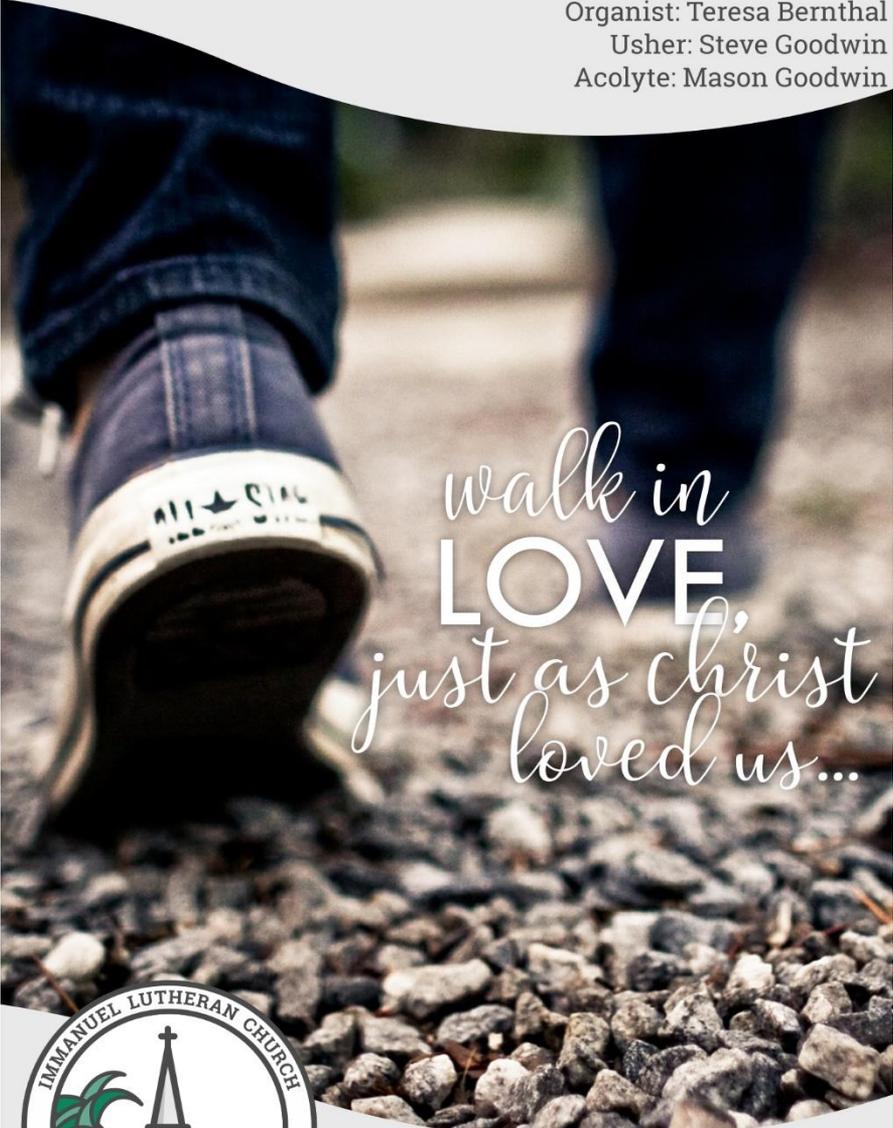
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Lent 3

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LOVE,
just as christ
loved us...



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 41:11-17

¹¹ As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me! ¹² For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me. ¹³ Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me! ¹⁴ Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether who seek to snatch away my life; let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt! ¹⁵ Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, "Aha, Aha!" ¹⁶ But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!" ¹⁷ As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #320:1,4,5,7

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

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

C  **A - - - men.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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

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

Ps. 25:1-2, 15-18, 20

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

P My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for He will pluck my feet out of the net.

C Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

P To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

P The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses.

C Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

P Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"



C 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 musical score consists of four staves. The first two staves are for the vocal line, with lyrics underneath. The last two staves are for the piano accompaniment. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and harmonic support.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Ps. 123:1-2

To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens!
Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, so
our eyes look to the LORD our God, till He has mercy upon us.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O 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 Let us pray. ... and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ♪ A - - - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Jeremiah 26:1-15 In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: ² "Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. ³ It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. ⁴ You shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, ⁵ and to listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened,

⁶ then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth." ⁷ The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. ⁸ And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die!" ⁹ Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant'?" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. ¹⁰ When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹ Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears." ¹² Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³ Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴ But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵ Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

GOSPEL READING – Luke 11:14-28 Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵ But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," ¹⁶ while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷ But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸ And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹ And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰ But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹ When a strong man, fully

armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²² but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. ²³ Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. ²⁴ "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' ²⁵ And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶ Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first." ²⁷ As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" ²⁸ But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles.

**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 #409

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

SERMON – Ephesians 5:1-10 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ³ But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an

idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

The Distinctive Walk of a Christian

OFFERTORY

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 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.**

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

- ☞** **♪ 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.**

GENERAL PRAYER

✠ Memorial Service for Richard F. Cook ✠

Richard F. Cook, 95, of Winter Haven, FL, died Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at Good Shepherd Hospice in Auburndale, FL.

"O LORD, You have searched me and known me.... For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well." (Ps. 139:1,13-14,17)



Richard was born on March 24, 1923 in Plymouth, CT, a son of Richard and Lillian Cook. On June 9, 1951, he married Thelma

Perkins. They were blessed with four children. Thelma departed from this earthly life on January 25, 1995.

“It is good and fitting for one to eat and drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun all the days of his life which God gives him; for it is his heritage.” (Eccles. 5:18)

Richard worked for many years as a programmer for Anaconda American Bras, and later served as a bookkeeper for Landera Apartments. He also did part-time work for the American Red Cross. Richard was active at his church, Union Congregational Church in Oakville, CT, serving as superintendent of the Sunday School and the congregation’s Secretary and Treasurer. He was also a gifted singer, singing for the Waterbury Chorale for many years.

In 2008, Richard retired to Episcopal-Catholic Apartments in Winter Haven, FL. He was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Winter Haven for the remainder of his years.

He is survived by his daughter, Elaine; two sons: David and Mark; five grandchildren: Eve, Tina, David, Chuck, and Luke; and four great-grandchildren: Ashton, Vanessa, Summer, and Kyle.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Lillian; two brothers: Robert and Kenneth; his sister, Ruth; and his daughter, Christine Andrews.

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.” (2 Tim. 4:7-8)

ILS Children Sing

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

P We have come here today to comfort one another upon the death of our brother-in-Christ Richard Cook and to draw encouragement from the word of our God. Listen then to the living words of our life-giving God, Who reminds us concerning our mortal lives:

“All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.” (Is. 40:6b-7)

In view of that fact, we implore the Lord:

“LORD, make me to know my end, and what is the measure of my days, that I may know how frail I am. Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, and my age is as nothing before You; certainly every man at his best state is but vapor.” (Ps. 39:4-6)

Why is this the case? What hope do we have? God informs us:

“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. For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous. Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteous-ness to eternal life through Jesus Christ the Lord.” (Rom. 5:18-21)

Yes, through Jesus’ blood and righteousness we have been given the promise of eternal life. Consequently, we confess with Peter:

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” (1 Pet. 1:3-5)



I would also like to share the following promise from Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 13 verse 12:

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

“Knowing as I am Known”

PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

P Almighty and most merciful God, in whose hands we all rest and upon whose hands we all depend, teach us to number our days, that we may seek wisdom from Your Word. Give us the grace to live by faith in your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and to fulfill our individual callings to Your glory. When Jesus appears at the end of time, may we also appear with Him in glory even as You have promised. We commend to Your fatherly goodness the family and friends of Richard Cook. Let the pains of their loss be lessened by the promises of Your Word. Let Richard's passing serve as an encouragement to all of us to direct our thoughts heavenward, so that we may truly seek that one thing needful--the precious truth of Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord--and receive the blessing of that truth--life everlasting. We ask for these blessings and all others in the name our blessed Savior, Jesus, in Whose name we also join to pray:

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, for ever
and ever. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for His people (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.**

CLOSING HYMN: TLH #616:1,2,6-8

“Forever with the Lord”

✠ Announcements ✠

Fellowship Hour will follow the service in the fellowship hall. The family of Richard Cook has graciously provided a meal for the congregation. All are invited to attend and greet Richard's family.

Daily Rest Devotional

Most of you have received your "Daily Rest" devotional by now. If you are interested in subscribing to receive these devotions quarterly, subscriptions are \$15 a year. I

encourage you to use these with your family and consider subscribing. If you have signed up and have not yet paid, please do so this week or next.

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Mar. 27:** Wednesday Lent
- ✠ **Mar. 31:** Betty Sweet Victory Service (Fellowship Potluck)

CLC Call News

Teacher Andrew Roehl of Messiah Lutheran of Eau Claire WI, has **returned** the call to be principal and teacher of St. John's Lutheran School of Okabena, MN. <> Pastor George Dummann of Eagle Lake, MN, has **received** the call to be pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church of Morris, MN. <> Pastor Mark Bernthal of Peace Thru Christ of Middleton, WI, has **returned** the call to Resurrection Lutheran of Corpus Christi, TX.

Shut-in/Encouragement List

Emily Kuehne suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno** continues to receive treatment for her kidney condition and is awaiting a transplant. **Ray Seger** remains shut-in. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive. **Crystal Shaw** has many blood clots in her heart, lungs, and legs, and is receiving treatment to prevent a heart attack. **Bill Hartmann's** health is deteriorating. Please keep Bill and Liz in your prayers. **Serene Herlong** is in hospice care at Lakeland Regional Hospital.

Last Week (3/17) WH – 55

General = \$856 | Building = \$20

Total Offering = \$876

March Usher: Goodwin

| **Acolyte (3/31):** Matthew

| **Cleaner (3/30):** Rodebaugh

The Privileges of Church Membership

By: C.F.W. Walther (1811-1887)

When a person becomes a member of a Christian congregation, many in our day ridicule him, asserting that he has taken a foolish step and will only heap shame upon his head. Alas! Also many members of a Lutheran congregation do not prize their membership properly. They regret that so

great a sacrifice of time and money is required. Theirs is a privilege to attend worship. And to partake of the Lord's Supper, but they rarely make use of it. There is the privilege to take part in the meeting of the congregation, to join in the discussion, and to cast their vote; but hardly do they ever make use of it. They look upon their membership as a burden, rather than an honor. Such people betray their spiritual blindness!!

There was a time when Roman citizenship was regarded as a great honor. A certain captain on one occasion gave orders to scourge Paul. But when he learned that Paul was a Roman citizen, he exclaimed: "With a large sum I obtained this citizenship"(Acts 22:28), and when Paul added that he was free-born, the captain treated him with still greater respect. Even so, it is considered a great honor even today when a city which enjoys rare privileges extends honorary citizenship to some famous person. And yet, dear brothers, such citizenship cannot be compared with the privileges which membership in a Christian congregation carries with it.

A citizen is assured human protection; a member of a congregation, divine protection. A citizen enjoys earthly privileges; a member of a congregation, heavenly privileges. A citizen is part of a temporal kingdom; a member of a congregation, of an eternal kingdom. A citizen deals with temporal issues; a member of a congregation, with eternal issues. A citizen must acknowledge profane persons as fellow-citizens; a member of a congregation is a fellow-citizen with the saints, and a member of the household of God. A citizen at best elects earthly rulers; a member of a congregation, stewards of the mysteries of God.

The greatest benefit accruing to a citizen is that under good government he may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty; church membership, however, offers something far greater – forgiveness of sins, peace of conscience, the comfort of the Holy Spirit, and finally eternal life. A citizen is the subject of a government composed of mortal men like himself; but a member of a congregation is subject to the Son of God, but at the same time a King, a Priest, and a Prophet. A citizen may gain honor before men; a member of a congregation is privileged to look forward to eternal glory, to a state of everlasting bliss in the presence of God.

Woe unto those who despise the privileges of church-membership! Some day they will regret it. Blessed are you, who have sought and found those privileges. God grant that both you and we make proper use of those privileges! Then we shall someday be transferred from the Church Militant

to the Church Triumphant. God grant his to us for the sake of Jesus Christ,
the invisible Head of His Church.