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Lent 5

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“Before Abraham was,
I AM.”



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 110

¹ The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." ² The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies! ³ Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours. ⁴ The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #245:1-4 "God Loved the World So that He Gave"

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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

- 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.
- G** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from *conception*. 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 forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!
- G** Amen!

INTROIT

Ps. 43:1-5

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

- P** Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
G **From the deceitful and unjust man deliver me! For you are the God in whom I take refuge.**
- P** Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me

to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!

C Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God.

P Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

C Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.

LORD, HAVE MERCY and GLORY TO GOD

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

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,

Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:

We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,

Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P Let us pray. ... and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Numbers 21:4-9 From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient 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 we loathe this worthless food." ⁶ Then the LORD sent fiery serpents

among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷ And 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 And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

EPISTLE READING – Hebrews 9:11-15 But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. ¹⁵ Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

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



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Reception into Membership

Josh Merashoff



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: TLH #220**“Jesus, My Great High Priest”**

SERMON – John 8:46-59 Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷ Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God." ⁴⁸ The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." ⁵² The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.'" ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴ Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say,

'He is our God.' ⁵⁵ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷ So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

When Jesus Speaks, Christians Listen!

- I. They hear the voice of God talking
- II. They receive His words as divine truth
- III. They cling to His words as the hope of eternal life

OFFERTORY

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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 Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

HYMN: *Bulletin* vv. 1-4

“The Infant Priest Was Holy Born”

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed on the next page:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #788:1

“Lord, You Love...”

- ☞** **♪ Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.**

PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER

- ☞** **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.**



Order of Holy Communion



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 Who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

C: 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!

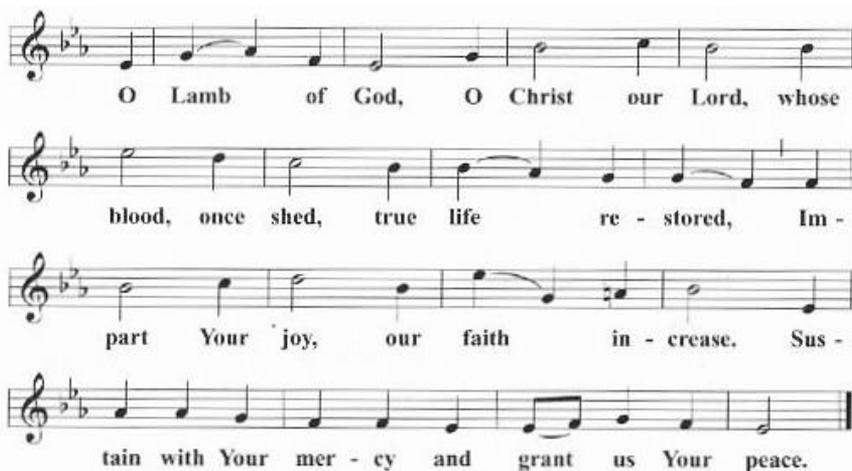
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



Please Note: The Lord's Supper is described in 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 as a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicines, of course, it must be used at the right time for the right purpose by the right person, lest it do more harm than good. That is one reason we ask our visitors...please speak to the pastor before you commune with us. Thank you!

THE DISTRIBUTION

Approach at the usher's direction.

P Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This cup is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

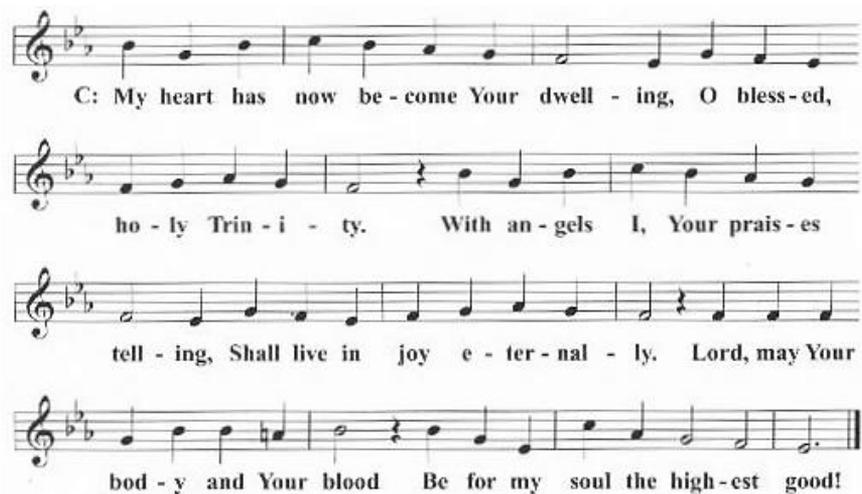
May this body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. Amen.





C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.



C: 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!

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.

G Amen!

HYMN: Bulletin vv. 5-7

“The Infant Priest Was Holy Born”

✠ Announcements ✠

Member Mailboxes have been completed and are hanging in the hallway next to the ladies’ restroom. Each couple and individual communicate member has a box where they will find each week’s bulletin, offering envelope boxes, and anything else that needs to find its way to them. If I missed anyone, I sincerely apologize! please notify me so that I can correct this before next Sunday. Thank you!

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Today:** Fellowship Snack
- ✠ **Today:** Ladies of Immanuel
- ✠ **Today:** Quarterly Voters Mtg
- ✠ **Apr. 10:** Wednesday Lent
- ✠ **Apr. 14:** Palm Sunday
- ✠ **Apr. 19:** Good Friday Tenebrae
- ✠ **Apr. 21:** Easter Breakfast 9 am
- ✠ **Apr. 21:** Easter Service

Flowers in the Back of Church are from the funeral of Serene Herlong, which took place on Friday afternoon. We prayed for Serene’s health a few weeks ago. She passed away on March 25, 2019.

CLC Call News Teacher Paul Tiefel III of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, has **returned** the call to Clarkston, WA. <> Mrs. Johanna (Ohlmann) Michalek has **accepted** the call as Director/Teacher of Small Wonders Preschool of Grace Lutheran, Valentine, NE. <> Teacher Neil Bernthal of Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL, has **returned** the call to Markesan, WI. <> Teacher Quinn Sprengeler of Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA, has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran, Markesan, WI, as principal and teacher of grades 6th-8th. <> Pastor Paul Krause has **received** the call to Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi, TX. <> Pastor George Dummann of Salem Lutheran, of Eagle Lake, MN, has **returned** the call to Bethel Lutheran, Morris, MN.

Welcome to our newest member, Josh Merashoff! Josh attended Immanuel Lutheran School from pre-school through 8th grade. Josh is currently a junior in high school, dual enrolled at Polk State College. You've probably seen him in church over the past year or so. We rejoice that the Lord has brought him to our congregation and pray that we may be mutually beneficial to one another. Please greet him and introduce yourself if you haven't done so already.

From the Editor of Daily Rest "Apologies for a mistake in your Daily Rest devotion for April 3, p.27. The text John 17:6 printed in the devotion book is incorrect. The text that should have appeared is: "Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning. But they themselves did not go into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover." (John 18:28) Jesus' prayer was not 'the height of this hypocrisy.' The Sanhedrin's ritual purity was."

This is also a reminder to sign up for "Daily Rest" if you haven't done so already. Next Monday is the deadline to sign up for the rest of this year. The cost is \$15. If you have signed up and not yet paid, please pay Pastor this Sunday or next. Thank you!

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.

Last Week (3/31) WH – 53

General = \$1570 | Betty Sweet Memorial = \$250 | Missions = \$10
Total Offering = \$1,830

April Usher: Ed Morris | **Acolyte (3/14):** Grant B.
| **Cleaner (3/13):** Bernthal

The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -
 2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh Was i - con -
 3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own
 4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who the
 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the

ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple
 of God's righ - teous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought
 al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels
 hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the
 rail on bend - ed knee Our hun - gry mouths from

forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.
 sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.
 hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.
 Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.
 Him re - ceive The bread of im - mor - tal - i - ty.

6. The body of God's Lamb we eat,
 A priestly food and priestly meat;
 On sin-parched lips the chalice
 pours
 His quenching blood that life
 restores.

7. With cherubim and seraphim
 Our voices join the endless hymn,
 And "Holy, holy, holy" sing
 To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest
 and King.