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Lent 2

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"we rejoice  
in our sufferings..."

... because  
*God's Love*  
has been poured  
into our  
*hearts."*



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## PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 22:23-31

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! <sup>24</sup>For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him. <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. <sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever! <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. <sup>28</sup>For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. <sup>29</sup>All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. <sup>30</sup>Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; <sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

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## ✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

### OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN: TLH #522:1-4** “When in the Hour of Utmost Need”

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

**C** *♩* **A - - - men.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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

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**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. 115:11-13,18; Ps. 25:6*

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

**P** Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

**C** You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.

**P** The LORD has remembered us; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron;

**C** He will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great.

**P** We will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

## 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 two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system covers the text 'Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;'. The second system covers the text 'as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.' The piano accompaniment features a steady rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the right hand and chords in the left hand.

**VERSE OF THE DAY***Mark 8:34b*

Alleluia. If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. Alleluia.

**THE KYRIE**

*Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our life.*

The musical score consists of two systems of vocal lines. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system begins with a common time signature and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics for the first system are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -". The second system continues the lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and single notes.

**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 . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** *♩* A - - - men.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Genesis 17:1-7; 15-16** When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup> that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." <sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup> "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup> And I will establish my

covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup> I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

**GOSPEL READING – Mark 8:27-38** And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup> And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup> And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." <sup>30</sup> And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. <sup>31</sup> And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." <sup>34</sup> And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup> For what can a man give in return for his soul? <sup>38</sup> For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

**P** This is the Word of the LORD.

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

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*The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.*

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**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 #389**

**“Not What These Hands have Done”**

**SERMON – Romans 5:1-11** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. <sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die-- <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

## **God Wants You to Brag**


I. Because You Have Peace

II. Because You Have Suffering



## OFFERTORY

*In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.*


- C**  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.

## SERMON HYMN: TLH #372 “Through Jesus’ Blood and Merit”


### - OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

*Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:*

## OFFERING HYMN: TLH #442:2 “Lord of Glory, Who hast Bought Us”

- C**  Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee- Gladly, freely, of Thine own; With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

## PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER, and BENEEDICTION

- 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 #144 “Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing”

## ✠ Announcements ✠

**Birth Announcement!** Late Wednesday evening after church, Megan Goodwin was admitted to the hospital for a baby that couldn’t wait any longer! A day later, on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 11:16pm, Emmalyn Elizabeth Goodwin was born. Emmalyn was measured at

7lb 9oz, 19in long. Praise the Lord for a successful delivery, keeping the mother and baby both safe and healthy! Emmalyn’s rebirth through baptism is being planned for the regular Sunday service on March 11.

### Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Feb. 28:** Midweek Lenten service at 6:30pm
- ✠ **Mar. 10:** Parsonage Roof
- ✠ **Mar. 11:** Megan Baby Shower
- ✠ **Mar. 17:** Church Work Day

**CLC Call News** Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI has called Becky Buck to serve as a full-time teacher for grades 3-4, Valerie Hammett to serve as half-time teacher in the lower grades, and Jane Murch to serve as music teacher. Pastor Caleb Schaller of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire has returned the call to serve as pastor of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac WI. St. John's Lutheran, Okabena MN, has called Paul Tiefel III, Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, to be principal and teacher at its school. Grace Lutheran, Fridley MN, has called member Heidi Nelson to the position of lower grade teacher.

**The Arise and Shine Retreat** is a retreat designed for CLC members in their 20's and 30's that takes place each summer in Northern Minnesota. This retreat offers a wonderful opportunity to have fellowship with and get to know like-minded, similar-aged CLC Lutherans from around the country. The dates for the retreat are Thursday, June 14 through Sunday, June 17. To attend, the cost is \$140 for adults, \$100 for children. The fee covers food, lodging, and activities. Please keep these dates in mind as you plan out your summer! For more information, visit [ariseandshineretreat.com](http://ariseandshineretreat.com) or talk to Pastor Rodebaugh.

**Midweek Lenten Services** continue this week Wednesday at 6:30pm. This Lent we're using the theme, "Keep your eyes on Jesus, who endured the cross." Lenten services are not "optional", just as no worship service is "required." Rather, as redeemed children of God, we are given the wonderful opportunity to focus this Lenten season on the very reason for Christ's death and the result of His passion. Midweek services are a great opportunity to hear the joyful truths found in God's Word. Please come and join us this Wednesday night at 6:30pm.

**Last Week (2/18)** Attendance: Winter Haven – 27

General = \$950 | CLC Missions = \$10 | Building Fund = \$25  
ILC Building = \$30

**Total Offering = \$1,015**

**March Usher:** Goodwin | **Acolyte (3/4):** Joel  
| **Cleaner (3/3):** Sedberry