

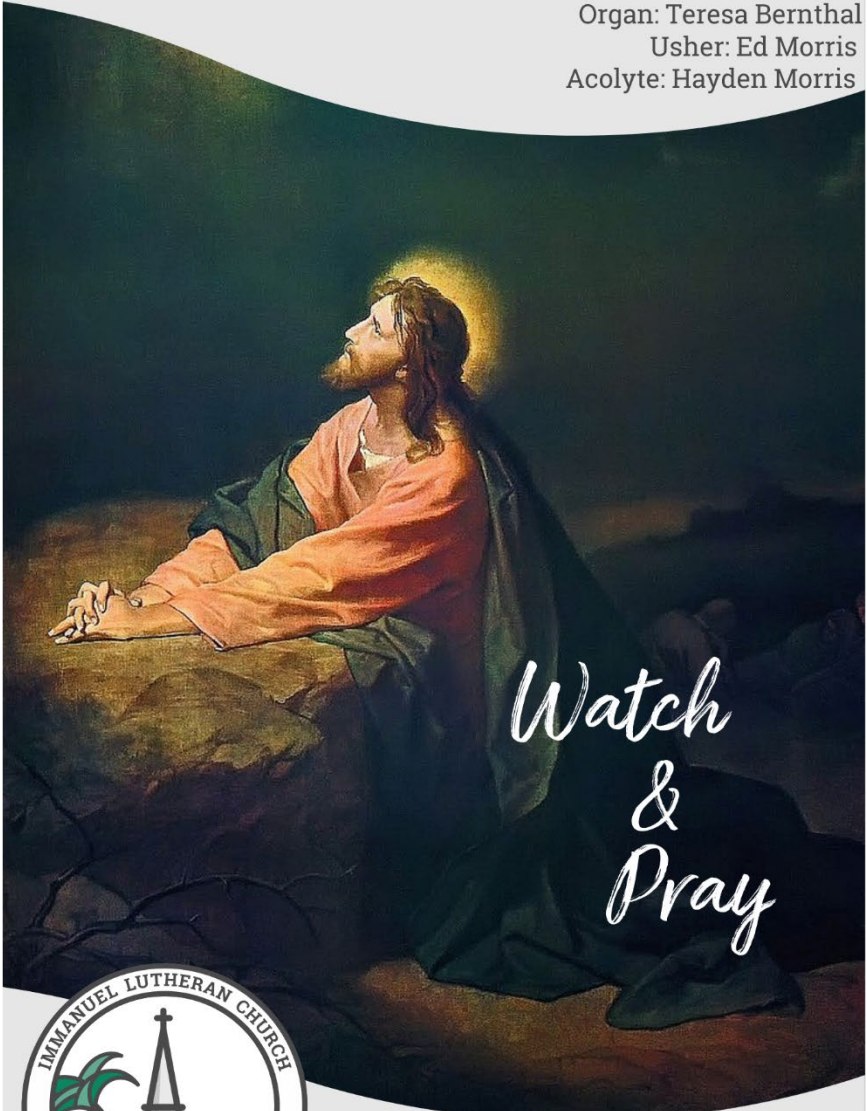
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3rd Sunday in Lent

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*Watch  
&  
Pray*



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Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. 2You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. 3You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger. 4Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us! 5Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? 6Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? 7Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. 8Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly. 9Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land. 10Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. 11Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. 12Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. 13Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

## **Order of Divine Worship**

**Hymn: TLH #446 v.1,3,5,6      "Rise, My Soul, to watch and Pray"**

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

**C** ♪ **A - - - men.**

**CONFESION AND ABSOLUTION:**

**P** Pastor

**C** Congregation

**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**

*Psalm 5:4-8*

**P** For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

**C** For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.

**P** The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.

**C** You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

**P** But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

**C** Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.

**P** For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

**GLORIA PATRI**

*Latin for "Glory be to the Father"*

The musical score for the Gloria Patri is written for voice and piano. It consists of four staves. The first two staves are for the vocal line, and the last two are for the piano accompaniment. The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a clear melody and harmonic support. The lyrics are: "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 score includes a common time signature and various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

*2 Peter 3:9b*

**P** [The Lord] is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

**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** O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** *♩* A - - - men.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Ezekiel 33:7-20** 7“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. 9But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. 10“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ 11Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel? 12“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not

be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. 13Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. 14Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, 15if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. 16None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live. 17"Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. 18When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. 19And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. 20Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways." many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men; 15 So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; For what had not been told them they shall see, And what they had not heard they shall consider.

**EPISTLE READING – 1 Corinthians 10:1-13** 1I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3and all ate the same spiritual food, 4and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. 5Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. 6Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. 7Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." 8We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, 10nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. 11Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. 12Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. 13No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*The 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: TLH #153

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

**SERMON – Luke 22:39-46** Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him. 40 When He came to the place, He said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.” 41 And He was withdrawn from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.” 43 Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. 44 And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. 45 When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow. 46 Then He said to them, “Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation.”

## GETHSEMANE WAS NO ROSE GARDEN

- I. FEW KNEW THE “AGONY” OF GETHSEMANE
- II. JESUS’ AGONY WAS CAUSED BY HIS HORROR OVER SIN
- III. THIS WAS JESUS’ TIME OF GREATEST TEMPTATION
- IV. GREATEST TEMPTATION WAS “WILL ANYONE CARE?”

### OFFERTORY

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**☞** **♪** 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.

Hymn: TLH #159

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

## - OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

### OFFERING: TLH #442:2 "Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us"

- ☞ 🎵 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.

### PRAYERS & the BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

- ☞ 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.
- ☞ 🎵 Amen, amen, a – men.

### HYMN: TLH #516

"In the Hour of Trial"

## ✝ Announcements ✝

**Last Week:** WH – 29 Total Offering = \$641.00

General = \$491.00 | Property = \$100 | ILC SCH = \$50

**CLC NEWS:** Mr. Luke Willitz, a member of Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN has been called to be the pastor of Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.

◆ Mrs. Dawn Mayhew, a member of Redeemer has been called to be the teacher and principal of Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY. ◆ Mrs. Becky Buck, a member of Messiah has accepted the call to be the 3rd & 4th grade teacher at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI. ◆ ILC Professor Joel Gullerud has returned the call to be teacher and principal of Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. ◆ Ms. Claire Abbas of Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane Valley, WA, has accepted the call to be the lower grade teacher at Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN.

- ✝ **Mar. 20:** WH 10:15am
- ✝ **Mar. 20:** Board of Education, Trustees, and Church Council Meet after church
- ✝ **Mar. 27:** Orland Service 8a
- ✝ **Mar. 27:** WH 10:15am
- ✝ **Apr. 3:** Bible Class 9:15a  
Communion Service WH 10:15a; Voters' Meeting

**Pastor Fossum** Pastor Fossum will be returning to preach April 3 and April 10. There will be Bible Class at 9:15 a.m. on April 3. He will be conducting Orlando service the following Sunday, April 10 and returning for the Winter Haven service at 10:15 a.m. There will be no Bible Class that Sunday.

**Cleaner (3/19):** Custodio | **Acolyte (3/27):** Grant Bernthal

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; March 21-26, '22

**Mon Exodus 3:1-15** Moses' quiet pastoral life would never be the same, for God was preparing to rescue His people by using a criminal to get through to Pharaoh. Moses needed assurance that doing so wasn't a huge mistake, since his home religious training had lost ground by living among the Egyptian heathen. So God enlightened him and inspired him for a monumental task (1-10). When Moses balked, God insisted—just as He sometimes does with us.

**Tues Luke 13:1-9** They wanted to know what God was going to do about Pilate insulting Him by murdering some of His people and using their blood to mimic His way of doing things. Jesus shifted from Pilate to them: "Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." In other words, God will punish you for your sins (as you well deserve), and your time of grace is running short. In another year God's axe may fall on you, so stop fussing about Pilate.

**Wed 1 Corinthians 10:1-13** Repentance is the subject, even though the word doesn't appear here. People who have been greatly blessed can get sloppy, careless about fending off their love of sinning. Lust can kill us, and turning against God can boomerang against us (9-10). God has printed these errors in the pages of history so that we don't make the same mistakes (11) but rather bear the crosses God has laid upon us. Lord, have mercy!

**Thurs Exodus 3:1-15** The bush aflame with God's presence was so fascinating that Moses was compelled to take a closer look. Note: Since Mount Horeb was the threshold of God's presence, Moses was warned to tread lightly; it was not a place to relax, for there is no more serious business on Earth than to hear what God has to say about Himself, His concerns, and His plans for humans. So we swallow hard and listen closely when He is speaking.

**Fri TLH, pages 6, 16, etc.** We say it to God in our worship assembly, and we say it with loud voices—that we are sinful by nature and unclean; that we have sinned against God by thought, word, and deed—and justly deserve God's temporal and eternal punishment (or similar verbiage). We can get so used to this recitation that our hearts are barely engaged. Jesus knows us and helps us with His warning: "Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." We may have another year of grace, maybe not (Luke 13:6-9).

**Sat 1 Corinthians 10:1-13** What is the way of escape from temptations and what should we take heed of? God encourages us to inwardly digest spiritual food and spiritual drink from the Rock of our salvation to keep us spiritually able to bear whatever Satan, the world, and our human nature throw at us. Since we are not bullet-proof, we stay out of the line of fire as much as we can—and put on the whole armor of God, too (Ephesians 6:10-17).