

March 6, 2022

1st Sunday in Lent
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MY COMMAND IS THIS:

LOVE EACH OTHER AS

I HAVE LOVED YOU.

JOHN 15:12



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 91

1He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” 3For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. 4He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. 5You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, 6nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. 7A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. 8You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked. 9 Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge— 10 no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. 11For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. 12 On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. 13You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, lead me to Gethsemane!
Engrave upon my memory
Not to forget Thine agony,
To render endless thanks to Thee.

Lord, lead me on to Calvary!
Enlighten me Thy cross to see;
Nor let it e'er forgotten be
That there Thy life was giv'n for me.

Lord, Thou has borne sin's curse for me.
Endured the shame to set me free!
Now may I live my life to Thee,
Thine wholly be eternally. Amen.
(Anonymous)

HYMN: WS #721

“Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow”

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

C Amen.

P Pastor

C Congregation

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.

C **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!

C **Amen!**

INTROIT

Ps. 91:9-13

P When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

C **With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.**

P Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge— no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

C **For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.**

P On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

C **You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.**

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 O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Psalm 40:1-11 I waited patiently for the Lord; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry. 2 He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps. 3 He has put a new song in my mouth— Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, And will trust in the Lord. 4 Blessed is that man who makes the Lord his trust, And does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies. 5 Many, O Lord my God, are Your wonderful works Which You have done; And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be recounted to You in order; If I would declare and speak of them, They are more than can be numbered. 6 Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require. 7 Then I said, “Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me. 8 I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within

my heart.” 9 I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness In the great assembly; Indeed, I do not restrain my lips, O Lord, You Yourself know. 10 I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth From the great assembly. 11 Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O Lord;

EPISTLE READING – Romans 3:27-31 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 Therefore we conclude that a man is [a]justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law. 29 Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also, 30 since there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. 31 Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.

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!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

G 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: WS #723

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

SERMON – John 15:9-17 “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. 11 “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. 14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. 17 These things I command you, that you love one another.

Love Lifted Me

OFFERTORY

WS p.16

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: TLH #351


“Love Divine, All Love Excelling”

– OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #788:1

“Lord, You Love...”

- C**  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.

GENERAL PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER

The 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

C  Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabbaoth, adored; Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly 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." And the peace of the Lord will be with you always!

O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
 blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
 part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
 tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30, among other Bible passages. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

THE DISTRIBUTION

Please remain seated.

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 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:

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!

HYMN: TLH #50

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

✠ Announcements ✠

Welcome! Welcome to Pastor Fossum. We thank him for conducting the communion service today. Pastor Fossum will be conducting Orlando service next Sunday, March 13 and will be returning for the Winter Haven service at 10:15 a.m. There will be no Bible Class next Sunday.

Call Dear Members of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Winter Haven, Florida, I am writing to decline your call. It is painful to do so because I am sure it would have been joyful work to serve our Lord and Savior as your pastor, but I am convinced the Lord wants me to remain here at Good Shepherd in Rapid City. The Lord who is the head of the church bless and

- ✠ **Mar. 6:** Bible Class 9:15am
WH 10:15am Communion
Installation of officers
- ✠ Pastor Fossum preaching
- ✠ **Mar. 6:** Voters’ Meeting
- ✠ **Mar. 13:** Orlando Service 8a
- ✠ **Mar. 13:** WH 10:15am

keep you. (Eph. 5:29-30 NKJ) " For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones." Pastor Aaron Ude Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Voters' Meeting There will be a special voters' meeting today to extend another call for a pastor. Please pray for wisdom and the Lord's guidance as we look to extend another call.

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 been called 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 been called to be the lower grade teacher at Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN.

Last Week: WH – 24 Orlando - 17 **Total Offering = \$2,113.25**

General = \$788.25 | Tuition = \$1025.00 | Prop. Imp. = \$200.00
ILC Scholarship = \$100.00

Cleaner (3/12): Ream | **Acolyte (3/13):** Seth Bernthal

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; March 7-12, '22

Mon 1 Samuel 17:4-11,32-40,45-49 presents highlights of a solemn chapter in God's history book. Goliath was gigantic, heavily armed, and a braggart. In contrast, David directed attention away from himself and praised the LORD. No contest; Goliath was a dead man walking, and the ground shook when he toppled face-down in the dirt. With might of ours can naught be done, while God used a lad from Bethlehem to bring down the monster.

Tues Luke 4:1-13 The God-Man from Bethlehem was put to the test by a greater monster, and Jesus won each skirmish, for God outclasses Satan. The primary purpose of this clash was to show Satan who was Boss; secondarily, it's a show-and-tell

demonstration of how to win our own spiritual frays: use God’s Word intelligently, wielding the sword of the Spirit against Satan.

Wed Hebrews 4:14-16 Jesus is Ultimate, superior in more ways than one. Here Jesus is displayed as the ultimate High Priest, the one who intercedes for us before the throne of grace. But does He understand us and sympathize with our weaknesses? YES, for He too was tested by Satan, but He deflected every attack and stood His ground. Thank You, dear Savior!

Thurs 1 Samuel 18:1-16 David behaved wisely in all his ways—which says a lot. Being best friends with Prince Jonathan may have looked suspicious (1-5), and being a five-star general with his “boots on the ground” made King Saul envious (6-9). David had to toe a fine line between soldiering and relaxing (10-13), and that’s why he entered every situation in life thoughtfully. He soon became a national hero (14-16) . . . so what could go wrong?

Fri Matthew 4:1-11 When Jesus fended off Satan by steadfast devotion to His (and our) cause, it was a significant set-back for Satan, who backed off temporarily. Jesus behaved wisely in all His ways (we could say), for He had miles to go before Good Friday and the cross. There He was crucified for our sins, thus putting an end to the demands of God’s Law (and Satan’s claim on our souls). He descended into hell to prove He had beaten Satan, and He arose from the grave on Easter morning to prove our salvation was secure.

Sat Hebrews 5:1-9 Other men became priests by the process of election, but the Father in heaven selected His Son to be High Priest both as Servant and as Champion (5-6). Besides, Jesus went beyond all others in His compassion for sinners. It was not an easy assignment, but Jesus put Himself into harness to become the author of eternal salvation (7-9). [BTW, the Greek language has no indefinite article (like our a/an), so v. 8 should read: “. . . though He was Son, yet He learned . . . “ Folks who don’t believe that Jesus is truly God are not yielding to John 1:1-14, 5:19-30, 6:38-40, 9:58, etc, etc.]