

"BY THE SWEAT OF YOUR BROW YOU WILL EAT
YOUR FOOD UNTIL YOU RETURN TO THE GROUND,
SINCE FROM IT YOU WERE TAKEN;

FOR

DUST

YOU ARE AND TO

DUST

YOU WILL RETURN."



GENESIS 3:19, NIV

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As We Gather

Knowing the history of words can help make them meaningful for us. The word truth comes from the English word true, which comes from the Old English word *treowe*, which comes from the ancient Indo-European root word *drew*, which means “tree.” The concept behind the word is that, like a tree, the truth stands straight and firm. The image brings to mind the word of the psalmist in the very first psalm, “Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, . . . But his delight is in the law of the LORD, . . . He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water” (Psalm 1:1a, 2a, 3a). Underscoring the blessedness of being true like a tree, the psalmist states that “the LORD knows the way of the righteous” (Psalm 1:6a). In this Lenten season of repentance and reflection, we may well take to heart the advice of Paul to his co-worker Timothy, “Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.” (1 Timothy 6:11). May we be trees of truth to the glory of God!

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

TLH 149 – Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 43:3-4, 5b; 61:1-2a

P Hear my cry, O God; Attend to my prayer.

C From the end of the earth I will cry to You, When my heart is overwhelmed;

P Oh, send out Your light and Your truth!

C Let them bring me to Your holy hill And to Your tabernacle.

P Then I will go to the altar of God, To God my exceeding joy;

C And on the harp I will praise You, O God, my God.

P Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him,

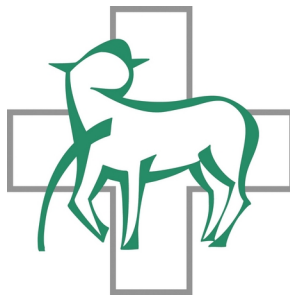
C The help of my countenance and my God.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.
- C** **Merciful Father, our Lord and King, we are sinful people. We have inherited the legacy of original sin from our first parents, Adam and Eve, who disobeyed You in Eden. We are by nature sinful and unclean. In our daily lives we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to change what is sinful in our lives that each day we may grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.**
- P** God is gracious and forgiving. He has shown His merciful power in ways that renew, restore, and heal. To those who come to Him with repentant and contrite hearts, our Lord says, “Fear not!” and promises pardon, life, and salvation. As a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.
- C** **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Word ✠

- P** As the Lamb of God, Jesus gave His life into death so that we might live eternally. His self-offering for us is a source of heartfelt praise and endless thanksgiving. One of the most beloved hymns of the Lenten season was composed in the sixteenth century but has its roots in earlier Christian worship. The repetition of the simple, powerful words brings a special sense of reflection on the Passion of our Lord. With thoughtful devotion we sing, “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy.”



Hymn

TLH 146 – Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the
 cross didst suf - fer, Ev - er pa - tient and low -
 ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer. All sins Thou
 bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:

1 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
 2 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
 3 Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray...
 ... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Epistle Reading

Romans 5:12-19

¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—¹³ (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. ¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of

God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. ¹⁶ And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. ¹⁷ For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) ¹⁸ Therefore, 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. ¹⁹ For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 32:1-7

- P** Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,
- C** **Whose sin is covered.**
- P** Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity,
- C** **And in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
- P** When I kept silent, my bones grew old
- C** **Through my groaning all the day long.**
- P** For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
- C** **My vitality was turned into the drought of summer.**
- P** I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden.
- C** **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P** For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You In a time when You may be found;
- C** **Surely in a flood of great waters They shall not come near him.**
- P** You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble;
- C** **You shall surround me with songs of deliverance.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. ³ Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." ⁴ But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall

bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.’ ” ⁷ Jesus said to him, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’ ” ⁸ Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’ ” ¹¹ Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

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

C Amen.

Confession of Faith

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 369 – All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

Sermon Text

Genesis 3:1-21

¹ Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’” ² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; ³ but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ” ⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. ⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the

day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.” ¹¹ And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?” ¹² Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³ And the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” ¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent: “Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.” ¹⁶ To the woman He said: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.” ¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. ¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. ¹⁹ In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.” ²⁰ And Adam called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹ Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.



Sermon

Love in a Cruel World

Offertory



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir-it from me. Re store to me the joy of Your sal -
va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn

TLH 144 – Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Offering Hymn

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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

The Lord's Prayer

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 forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn

TLH 401 – Praise to Thee and Adoration

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✝ Announcements ✝

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

Upcoming Schedule

February 26	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
March 1	6:30 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship Service
March 5	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Board of Education and Elders Meetings
March 8	6:30 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship Service
March 12	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)

Member Visits: Pastor would like to get to know everyone in the congregation, and to that end, would like to visit with each family individually. These visits are intended as an opportunity for spiritual encouragement and for members to share their concerns, questions, comments, and suggestions. Please find the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and sign up.

Midweek Lenten Worship: This year, our midweek Lenten theme is "Chronicles of the King." Throughout this series, we will explore how the kings of Judah are a shadow of Christ, the King of kings who sits upon the throne of David, His Father, forever. We will see how the kings in Chronicles point us to Christ, who fulfills all the kingly promises that the kings of Judah were unable to realize in themselves. This Wednesday, we consider King Asa under the theme: Blood Money. We hope you will make plans to join us at 6:30 pm.

CLC Call News: Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion Lutheran, Greater Detroit Area, is considering the call to Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma, WA. <> Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel, Mankato is considering the call to Messiah, Eau Claire, as the third pastor. <> Mrs. Haley Seffens, a member of Messiah, Eau Claire, WI is considering the call to teach kindergarten at Messiah, Eau Claire.

Fruits of Faith – February 19, 2023 – Attendance: WH – 40

Immanuel Home	\$756.25
ILC Scholarship	\$50.00
Sign Fund	\$50.00
Total Offering	\$856.25

✠ Serving Next Weekend ✠

Cleaner (3/4): Bernthal **Acolyte (3/5):** Maxwell Kuehne

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

February 27th – March 4th

Mon: Matthew 16:21-23 – God’s way of saving lost mankind is far beyond what the human mind would devise! The temptation to enter His reign without the suffering was also presented to Jesus by Satan when he offered to give Him all the kingdoms of the world if He would just bow down to him (Mt 4:9-10).

Tues: Matthew 16:24-26 – Following Jesus does not bring the promise of earthly gain, honor, or fame, but rather the cross – and resurrection from the dead and life without end. Let us then not be tempted to give up the life He has given us for the life that the world offers.

Wed: Luke 22:39-46 – As Jesus prays on the Mount of Olives, He knows the betrayal, mockery, suffering, and death that lie ahead for Him and receives strength from above. He also knows of the temptations that lie ahead for His disciples and repeatedly urges them to pray that they may not enter into temptation.

Thurs: Hebrews 4:15-16 – Jesus knows what it is to be tempted, although He never succumbed to it. But He was tempted as we are and triumphed for us, turning God’s judgment seat into a throne of grace for us, where we receive mercy and help in time of need.

Fri: Genesis 22:1-8 – When Satan tests us, he wants us to stumble and fall. When God tests His children, it is to exercise their faith and strengthen their spiritual “muscles.” So He also tested Abraham, the father of believers, asking Him to love God’s Word even more than His dear son Isaac. Abraham sets out at once to follow God’s direction.

Sat: Genesis 22:9-14 – Abraham fears and loves God even when he may not understand how God will carry out His promises if he does what God says. Abraham also trusts that God can even raise his son Isaac from the dead if that is what it takes to keep His promises and, in effect, this is what happens (Hb 11:19).

