

**SECOND SUNDAY
IN LENT**

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

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Sunday

9:00 A.M.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

**Adult Bible Class &
Sunday School**

Holy Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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8 am to 12 pm

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**“And He began to teach them
that the Son of Man must
suffer many things, and
be rejected by the elders and
chief priests and scribes, and
be killed, and after three
days rise again.” Mark 8:31**

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

Next week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - O God, who sent Your Son into the flesh so that He might pay for my sins and open eternal life to me, grant me strong faith so that I may purposefully take up my cross and follow where He has led the way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - The old Latin name for this, the Second Sunday in Lent, is Reminiscere, because the Introit pleads, "Remember Your mercy, O Lord." Confidently, it continues by encouraging us to trust Him because "He has remembered us; He will bless us." Indeed, God's promises to Abram in today's Old Testament Reading were kept as Jesus

moved unswervingly toward the cross, as He does in today's Gospel. As a result, we can be sure, Paul reminds us in the Epistle, that we have peace with God. Even in suffering, we know that hope will not disappoint us, for we remember that "while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

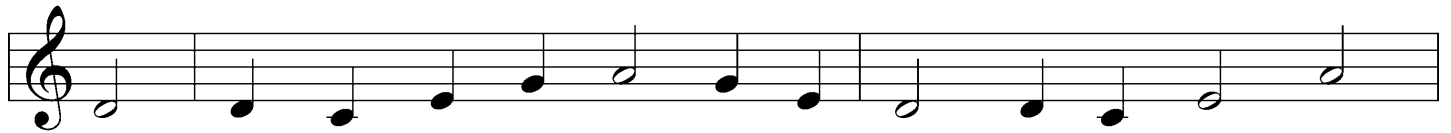
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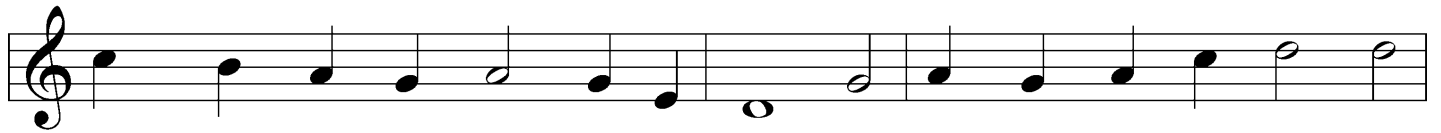
PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)



OPENING HYMN*What Wondrous Love Is This***LSB 543**

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
 neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
 is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
 sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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Δ INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

Δ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained 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. (John 20:19-23)

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Δ INTROIT *Psalm 115:11-13; antiphon: Psalm 25:6*

P Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.

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

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

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

ALL **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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

Δ KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Δ SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Δ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16*

(God makes a covenant promise to Abram.)

1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am Almighty God; walk before Me

and be blameless. 2 And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.” 3 Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: 4 “As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. 5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. 6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. 15 Then God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16 And I will bless her and also give you a son by her; then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be from her.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 22:23–31; antiphon: v. 22*

P I will declare Your name to My brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise You.

C You who fear the Lord, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, and fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!

P For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; nor has He hidden His face from Him; but when He cried to Him, He heard.

C My praise shall be of You in the great assembly; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.

P The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him

will praise the Lord. Let your heart live forever!

C All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

P For the kingdom is the Lord's, and He rules over the nations.

C All the prosperous of the earth shall eat and worship; all those who go down to the dust shall bow before Him, even he who cannot keep himself alive.

P A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation,

C They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, that He has done this.

P I will declare Your name to My brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise You.

SONG *Are You Lost in the Dark?* by Joanne Burns Hambleton

1. Are you lost in the dark?(echo) Do you need a little spark? (echo)
Do you need a little light, (echo) to help you see? (echo)
Out of the darkness, (echo) Jesus love is shining, (echo)
down in the hearts (echo) of you and me. (echo)

REFRAIN:

He is the Light, that's shining bright. He's the truth that sets the captives free!

He is the Light, that gives us sight, and reveals the Father's love to you and me!

2. Jesus calls you His friend. (echo)
From all harm He will defend. (echo)
He laid down His life in love, (echo) for you and me. (echo)
When we have troubles, (echo) in our tests and struggles, (echo)
He is our help, (echo) in time of need. (echo) **REF**

3. Down to earth Jesus came. (echo)

The Good Shepherd knows your name. (echo)

Jesus died and rose again, (echo) for you and me. (echo)

Up from the darkness, (echo)

Jesus rose victorious,(echo) to give us life(echo) eternally.(echo) **REF**

Verse 1: Text based on John 1:1-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; Colossian 1:12-14; 1 Thessalonians 5:5; 1 Peter 2:9; 1 John 1:5; by Joanne Burns Hambleton

Refrain: Text based on John 8:12; Luke 4:18; Colossians 1:26-29 by Joanne Burns Hambleton

Verse 2: Text based on John 15:13-14; 1 Peter 3:13; Psalm 46:1; @2021 by Rev. Ed Weber

Verse 3: Text based on John 1:14; 10:11-17; Ephesians 4:9-10; Matthew 28:1-7;

1 Corinthians 15:50-58 @ 2021 by Rev. Ed Weber

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *(Children remain seated)*

EPISTLE

Romans 5:1-11

(Grace: Christ died for the ungodly.)

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. 6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. 11 And not

only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

△ **HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 8:27–38

(Truly knowing Christ means following Him.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You , O Lord.**

27 Now Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and on the road He asked His disciples, saying to them, “Who do men say that I am?” 28 So they answered, “John the Baptist; but some say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” 29 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered and said to Him, “You are the Christ.” 30 Then He strictly warned them that they should tell no one about Him. 31 And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke this word openly. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. 33 But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, “Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.” 34 When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 35 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. 36 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? 37 Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? 38 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My

words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

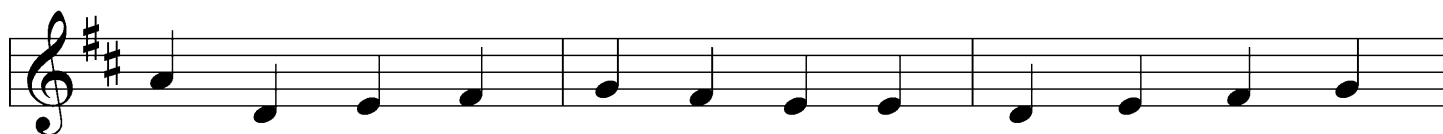
Δ APOSTLES CREED

All I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.





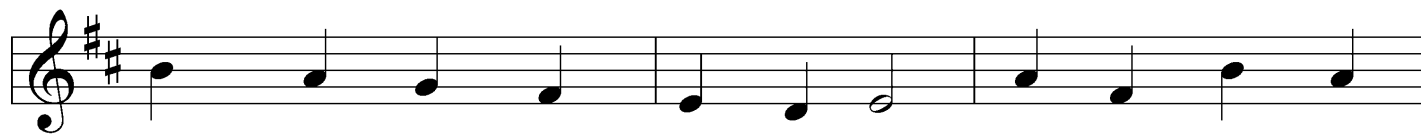
1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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SERMON *Jesus is Calling the 'whoever's' of the world to Follow Him"*
 (Mark 8::34-38)

OFFERING *(Please place your offering in the offering plate as you exit.)*

Δ OFFERTORY *Take My Life and Let It Be* **LSB 783**



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
 Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,
 It shall be no longer mine;
 Take my heart, it is Thine own,
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
 At Thy feet its treasure store;
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

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△SHARING OF THE PEACE *"Peace be with you" (John 20:21)*
[using ASL (American Sign Language)]

△PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their various circumstances.

For the Church around the world, all people who join Peter in professing that Jesus is the Christ, that they trust God's purpose for their lives, take up their crosses, and follow, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who spend their lives serving the physical, mental, social, and emotional needs of the people around them, that God bless and guide them according to His gracious purpose, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For professional counselors and private confidants who alleviate suffering, enable endurance, support character, and encourage hope, that they serve as conduits for God's purposes in the lives of their patients, family, and friends, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who lead the governments of the world, that they find purpose in their positions, using every means to increase harvests, combat global health crises, minimize conflict between nations, and ensure equal justice for all their citizens, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those near and dear to us, [especially . . .], that God bring about the healing, comfort, freedom, and dignity for which they send requests to our gracious Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

Δ LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

All 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.

Δ BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

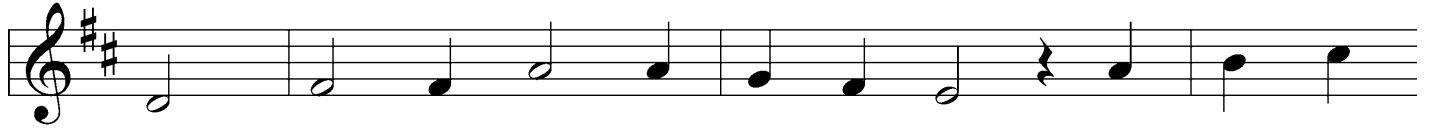
Δ BENEDICTION

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

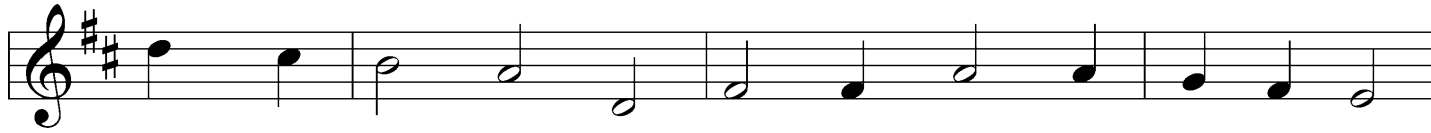
C Amen.



SENDING HYMN *"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake* **LSB 688**



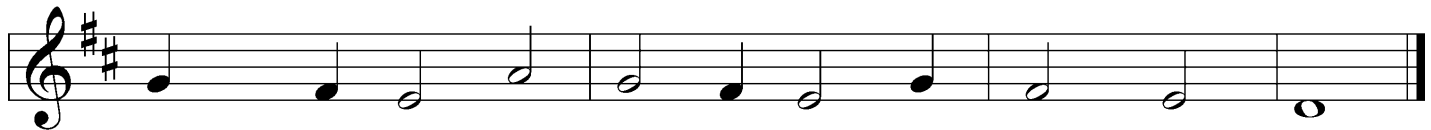
1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My
2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly
3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;
love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,
soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My
From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.
well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.
strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."

5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word,
In suff'ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain
The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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LENTEN *Schedule*

WERE YOU THERE...?

Mid-Week 2, Wed., Feb. 24th: *“When He Said They’d Fall Away”*
Soup Supper 5:00 p.m. Mid-Week Service 6:00 p.m.

Mid-Week 3, Wed., March 3rd: *“When They Slept While Jesus Prayed”*
Soup Supper 5:00 p.m. Mid-Week Service 6:00 p.m.

Mid-Week 4, Wed., March 10th: *“When They Led Him to the Judge”*
Soup Supper 5:00 p.m. Mid-Week Service 6:00 p.m.

Mid-Week 5, Wed., March 17th: *“When They Yelled for Him to Die”*
Soup Supper 5:00 p.m. Mid-Week Service 6:00 p.m.

Mid-Week 6, Wed., March 24th: *“When They Nailed Him to the Tree”*
Soup Supper 5:00 p.m. Mid-Week Service 6:00 p.m.

Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday, April 1st **Holy Communion Service-6 p.m.**
“When They Ate that Final Meal”

Good Friday, April 2nd **Good Friday Service 6:00 p.m.**
“When They Laid Him in the Tomb”

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunday, April 4th, 2021

Sunrise Service: 7:30 a.m.; followed by breakfast @ 8:00 a.m.

Holy Communion Service: 9:00 a.m.





Elders' Meeting
Tuesday, March 2, 2021
9:00 a.m.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Portals of Prayer

for January to March 2021 are available in the Narthrex or office.

*Adult Bible Class/Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Goetz leading the class.*



Memory Verse Challenge

The LCMS invites everyone to join together in memorizing a verse each week.

This week's memory verse: ***Galatians 6:14***

"But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. "

| Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | February Sunday Servants: | March Servants: |
| Elder: | Earl Neuhaus | Dan Wehling |
| Altar Guild: | Loretta Eilers & S. Wehling | D. Jackson & L. Marchant |
| Music: | Doris Pickering | |
| This Week | Second Sunday in Lent | |
| Usher: | Dan Wehling | |
| Sunday: | Worship Service | 9:00 am |
| | Sunday School & Adult Bible Study | 10:30 am |
| Next Week | Third Sunday in Lent | |
| Usher: | Earl Neuhaus | |
| Sunday: | Holy Communion Worship Service | 9:00 am |
| | Sunday School & Adult Bible Study | 10:30 am |

By the Cross of Our Lord Jesus, We Inherit Life Everlasting with God

In His covenant with Abraham, the Lord promised to be with him, to bless him and to make him “the father of a multitude of nations.” It is “an everlasting covenant” in Christ Jesus, the seed of Abraham who is blameless before God Almighty. All who believe in this Lord Jesus are the offspring of Abraham and are blessed “throughout their generations” (Gen. 17:1–7), because the Christ has suffered many things. He was rejected and killed, and after three days He rose again (Mark 8:31). To comprehend this theology of the cross, we must set our minds “on the things of God,” and not “on the things of man” (Mark 8:33). “God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:8). Therefore, having been “reconciled to God by the death of his Son,” much more “shall we be saved by his life” (Rom. 5:10). Baptized into His cross and resurrection, “we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,” and by faith we rejoice in the hope of His glory (Rom. 5:1–2).

2/21/2021

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| Sunday Worship | 49 | |
| Plate: | | \$ 403.00 |
| Envelopes: | | \$ 1,710.00 |
| Memorials: | | |
| Total: | | \$ 2,113.00 |
| Bible Class: | 22 | \$ 20.00 |

***Third Sunday
in Lent
Readings:***

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

I Corinthians 1:18-31

John 2:13-22 (23-25)