

3rd Sunday in Lent
March 3, 2024
St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Read Before the Service: Psalm 38 Hymnal page 132

Opening Prayer

O gracious Father, You have lifted up our life from the dust of death and given us new life in Christ. Receive our worship and praise this morning and come to us to bless us and strengthen us in the faith that we may show forth the glory of your name in all we do, that many may be drawn to You and to know the truth of Your salvation. Amen.

Opening Hymn: 746 Father Most Holy, Merciful and Tender

- 1 Father, most holy, merciful, and tender;
 Jesus our Savior, with the Father reigning;
 Spirit of comfort, Advocate, Defender, Light never waning;
- 2 Trinity sacred, Unity unshaken; Deity perfect, giving and forgiving,
 Light of the angels, Life of the forsaken, Hope of the living;
- 3 Maker of all things, all Your creatures praise You;
 All for Your worship, were and are created:
 Hear us, Almighty, hear us as we give You our adoration.
- 4 To the all ruling triune God be glory:
 Highest and greatest, over all exalted;
 We, too, would praise You, giving honor to You, Now and forever.

Invocation:

P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

Confession of Sins:

P: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C: If we say we have fellowship with Him but walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

P: If we walk in the light as He is in the light,

C: We have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Therefore let us openly and honestly confess our sins to God.

C & P: Almighty and most merciful God, I confess that I am a sinner by my very nature, I was born in the sin of Adam. Because of my corrupt nature, I sin against you daily in my thoughts, in my words and actions. I have done the things you forbid, and I fail to do the things you command. Lord, I know I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. Yet, I come before you in repentance, because you are merciful and gracious and have given Your Son to die for me. Oh God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Forgive me, I pray, for Jesus sake.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has promised, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." We can be sure of it because Jesus Christ "is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world." Therefore, I assure you that all your sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.

Response of Praise:

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in Excelsis*



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.

Scripture Lessons: Jeremiah 26:1-15

1 In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah, king of Judah, the following word came from the Lord. 2 This is what the Lord says. Stand in the courtyard of the Lord's house,

and speak to people from the cities and towns of Judah who have come to worship at the House of the Lord. Tell them everything I have commanded you to tell them. Do not hold back a single word. 3 Maybe they will listen, and everyone will turn from his evil way. Then I will relent and not bring about the disaster that I was planning because of the evil things they have done.

4 You are also to say this to him. This is what the Lord says. If you will not listen to me and follow my law, which I have set before you, 5 and if you do not listen to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I have sent to you again and again (but you have not listened), 6 then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make the name of this city a curse word for all the nations of the earth.

7 The priests, the prophets, and all the people listened as Jeremiah spoke these words at the House of the Lord. 8 When Jeremiah had finished saying everything the Lord had commanded him to say to all the people, then the priests, the prophets, and all the people seized him and said, “You must die! 9 Why do you prophesy in the name of the Lord that this house will be like Shiloh and that this city will be desolate with no one living here?” All the people crowded around Jeremiah in the House of the Lord.

10 When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they came up from the king’s house to the House of the Lord and sat in the entrance of the New Gate of the Lord’s house. 11 Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death because he has been prophesying against this city, as you heard with your own ears.”

12 Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and to all the people, “The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the things that you have heard. 13 Now reform your ways and your actions, and obey the Lord your God. Then the Lord will relent and not bring about the disaster he has pronounced against you. 14 But as for me, look, I am in your hands. Do with me whatever seems good and right in your eyes. 15 But you can be certain of this. If you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live here, for it is true that the Lord has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.”

Response of Praise:

P: He shall call upon Me, and I will answer Him:

C: I will deliver him and honour him.

P: With long life will I satisfy him:

C: And show him My salvation.

P: He that dwells in the secret place of the Most High:

C: Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty

P: For He shall give His angels charge over you:

C: To keep you in all your ways.

P: They shall bear you up in their hands:

C: Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

P: I will say of the Lord, He is my Refuge and my Fortress, my God:

C: In Him will I trust.

Gospel Reading: Luke 11:14-28

14 And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled. 15 But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.”

16 Others, testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven. 17 But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls. 18 If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. 19 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. 20 But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. 21 When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. 22 But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. 23 He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

24 “When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ 25 And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. 26 Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first.”

27 And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!” 28 But He said, “More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

(After the Reading sing:)



Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

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.

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: 760 Oh, Love, How Deep

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake!
- 2 He sent no angel to our race, of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame, and to this world himself he came.
- 3 For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptation sharp he knew, for us the tempter overthrew.
- 4 For us, by wicked men betrayed, for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death; for us he gave his dying breath.
- 6 For us he rose from death again, for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

Sermon : Text: Ephesians 5:1-14

“Therefore, be imitators of God as his dearly loved children. 2 And walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

3 But do not let sexual immorality, any kind of impurity, or greed even be mentioned among you, as is proper for saints. 4 Obscenity, foolish talk, and coarse joking are also out of place. Instead, give thanks. 5 Certainly you are aware of this: No sexually immoral, impure, or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ, and of God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words. It is because of these things that the wrath of God is coming on the sons of disobedience. 7 So do not take part with them.

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, 9 for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth, 10 discerning what is pleasing to the Lord, 11 and do not participate in fruitless deeds of darkness. Instead, expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to

mention the things that are done by people in secret. 13 But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes things visible. 14 Therefore it is said, "Awake, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Theme:

Be Imitators of God!

1. WALK IN LOVE,
2. WALK IN THE LIGHT!

P: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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 pre - sense and. take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.

Re - store un - to me the joy of Your Sal - va - tion and up -

hold me with your spir - it free. Cre - ate in me a clean

heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Offerings for Christ's Church:

Sing while bringing up the offering)

Melody of 568

**We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You,
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

Prayers of the Church:

Hymn: 755 What Is This Bread

1. What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead:

This bread we break, This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release.
O taste and see the Lord is peace.

2. What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;

The cup of grace Brings His embrace
Of life and love and so I sing!
O taste and see the Lord is King.

3. So who am I, That I should live and He should die

Under the rod? My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see the Lord is free.

4. Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,

In mouth and soul He makes us whole
Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see the Lord is real.

5. Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!

I do believe That I receive
His very body and His blood.
O taste and see the Lord is good.

The Sacrament of the Altar

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: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right to do so.**

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. Especially do we praise You that You sent Your only Son into the flesh, to reconcile us to You through His own suffering and death which has taken away all our sin, clothing us with His righteousness and giving us eternal life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the saints on earth, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Sa - ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and



earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho -



san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly



blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Lord's Prayer: 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.

Words of Institution:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on 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."

After the same manner also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei*

C: Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.
Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy up - on us. Lamb of God, You
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution:

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 is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins.

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT *Nunc Dimittis*



C: 1
2

O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to 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.

THANKSGIVING



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!

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:



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Closing Hymn: 785 Children of the Heavenly Father

1 Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.

2 God his own doth tend and nourish; In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them; In his mighty arms he bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth, And their sorrows all he knoweth.

4 Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.



Scripture Treasure to Remember:

Galatians 5:22

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Sunday School and Bible Class at 11:15.

Tuesday - Service at Pleasant Valley Manor at 2:30

Wednesday - Skype Bible Study with Kenneth Nyman 9:30

Lenten Service at 6:30. **The Crucial Hours.** This week we look at Jesus trial and, **“The Semblance of Legality.”**

Thursday - Catechism Class at 4:00.

Friday - Instruction Class with Chans at 10:30

Shut-in visit with Felix 1:30

Next Sunday - Worship Service at 10:00.

Sunday School and Bible Study at 11:15

Praying for our Family

We continue to seek God's mercy for Marlies Harding granting her full recovery from her broken leg and surgery. May this serve to strengthen her and her family in God's Grace.

CLC YOUTH CAMP

Youth Camp will be held on the Immanuel campus in Eau Claire, June 9-15, 2024. It is a week-long camp of faith, fellowship, and fun. Camp is open to kids going into grades 6-9 and the cost is \$140/camper. There is also a morning pre-camp program available for kids going into grades K-5 with a cost of \$60/camper. Registration will open Saturday, March 16th at 10 AM CST. For more information visit youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp, or email the camp directors Amber Casto and Sam Radermacher at youthcamp.clc@gmail.com.

CLC Call News

Teacher Matthew Thurow of Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN has accepted the call to be a professor at ILC in Eau Claire, WI. He will replace Professor Mark Kranz who is retiring this May.

Retirement Gift: Professor Mark Kranz has served our church body faithfully as professor at ILC. Our custom is to present a monetary gift as a token of our appreciation. CLC members are invited to contribute to this gift which will be presented to him at Graduation (May 18). Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran College and indicate: "Prof. Kranz Retirement." Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

March Birthdays & Baptisms

Judah Chan	2nd	
Devon Chan	14th	
Erma Kruger	22nd	
Guy Harding	22nd	
Mattea Johnston		22nd
Tyler Roos	30th	

ILC Tour Choir

The Tour Choir leaves this Saturday on their tour to Florida with concerts in South Carolina, Illinois, Missouri and Wisconsin. We pray for their safe travels and God's blessings upon their message in song.

Convention Delegates Wanted

Every congregation in the CLC is allowed and encouraged to send two delegates to the CLC Convention in Eau Claire, WI. All male voting members are eligible to serve as a delegate. Consider if you are able to serve your congregation and synod in this capacity. The Convention will be held from June 20-23, Thursday through Sunday.

Mission Prayers

Myanmar (South Asia) – Pastor Kham recently reported that the Myanmar military continues to indiscriminately bomb portions of the city of Kalaymyo, where the CLC-Myanmar headquarters and orphanage are located. Bombs have destroyed much of the main street that goes through town, less than a kilometer from the CLC-Myanmar (CLCM) church and orphanage. The military is constantly patrolling with machine guns and regularly fires on any gathering of civilians. Three people were recently killed near the church, and many others have been seriously injured. Thankfully there were no injuries to the CLCM. February 1st marked the third anniversary of the military takeover and, thus, three years of civil war. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ of the CLC-Myanmar.