

February 28, 2021



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***Christ  
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*for the ungodly.*

***ROMANS 5:6***



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

**Pre-Service Personal Prayer:** *Merciful God and Father, we give You heartfelt thanks that through Your Word You have graciously preserved this congregation these past years, and we humbly ask You to continue to guard and direct us by Your Holy Spirit in the way of truth, that we may at last obtain the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.*

### Today's Worship!

#### Greeting and Prayer

**Opening Hymn 144:1-4 (TLH):** *Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing*

- 1. Jesus, grant that balm and healing In Thy holy wounds I find,  
Every hour that I am feeling Pains of body and of mind.  
Should some evil thought within Tempt my treacherous heart to sin,  
Show the peril, and from sinning Keep me ere its first beginning.*
- 2. Should some lust or sharp temptation Prove too strong for flesh and blood,  
Let me think upon Thy Passion, And the breach is soon made good.  
Or should Satan press me hard, Let me then be on my guard,  
Saying, "Christ for me was wounded," That the Tempter flee confounded.*
- 3. If the world my heart entices On the broad and easy road  
With it mirth and luring voices, Let me think upon the load  
Thou didst carry and endure That I flee all thoughts impure,  
Banishing each wild emotion, Calm and blest in my devotion.*
- 4. Every wound that pains or grieves me, By Thy stripes, Lord is made whole;  
When I'm faint, Thy Cross revives me, Granting new life to my soul.  
Yea, Thy comfort renders sweet Every bitter cup I meet;  
For Thy all-atoning Passion Has procured my soul's salvation.*

**The Invocation** *We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

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

**C** Amen!

#### The Confession and Absolution of Sins

*We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.*

**P** Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant forgiveness:

**C** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

**P** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

### God, We Praise You! *Gloria in Excelsis (Hymn #798; tune "Austria")*

1 God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You  
2 True a - pos - tles, faith - ful proph - ets, Saints who set their  
sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther,  
world a - blaze, Mar - tyrs, once un - known, un - heed - ed, Join one  
by Your Church a - dored: All cre - a - tion shows Your glo - ry;  
growing song of praise, While Your Church on earth con - fess - es  
Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Sing - ing, "Ho - ly,  
One ma - jes - tic Trin - i - ty: Fa - ther, Son, and  
ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"  
Ho - ly Spir - it, God, our hope e - ter - nal - ly.

## The Prayer for the Day

*The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.*

- P** Let us pray. . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## The Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 28:10-17*

Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! <sup>13</sup> And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. <sup>14</sup> Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. <sup>15</sup> Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

## The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 22:23-31*

- P** You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
- C** And stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
- P** For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him,
- C** But has heard, when he cried to him.
- P** From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
- C** My vows I will perform before those who fear him.
- P** The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
- C** May your hearts live forever!
- P** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
- C** And all the families of the nations shall worship before you.
- P** For kingship belongs to the LORD,
- C** And he rules over the nations.



- P** All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
- C** **Before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.**
- P** Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
- C** **They shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.**

**The Gospel Reading: Mark 8:31-38**

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." <sup>34</sup> And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup> For what can a man give in return for his soul? <sup>38</sup> For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

- 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!

## The Apostles' Creed We boldly confess what we believe.

- C** 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 723 (WS2000): *What Wondrous Love Is This*

- 1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!*
- 2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul!*
- 3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.*
- 4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free I'll sing His love for me,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on.*

## The Sermon: *Romans 5:1-8*

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. <sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die-- <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

### Theme: CHRISTIANS HAVE THE BEST (AND ONLY) REASONS TO REJOICE IN SUFFERING

- I. The Savior's suffering leads to the sure hope of salvation.
- II. The Christian's suffering leads to an unashamed hope of eternal life.



## The Offertory

C: 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 370 (TLH): *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

- 1. *My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.***
- 2. *When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.***
- 3. *His oath, His covenant, and blood Support me in the whelming flood;  
When every earthly prop gives way, He then is all my Hope and Stay.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.***
- 4. *When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne!  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.***

## Prayer of the Church – 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.

## The Benediction

*The blessing given by God for His people (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 peace.

**C** Amen!

## Closing Hymn 144:5 (TLH): *Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing*

- 5. *O my God, my Rock and Tower, Grant that in Thy death I trust,  
Knowing Death has lost his power Since Thou trod'st him in the dust.  
Savior, let Thine agony Ever help and comfort me;  
When I die, be my Protection, Light and Life and Resurrection.***



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*“If the LORD wills, we will do this or that.” James 4:15*

**WELCOME EVERYONE!** We pray that God’s Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you’ve found it with us. Ask our Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain what we believe, teach, and practice. Where and when? Your convenience.

**MIDWEEK LENT SERVICES:** Lent is a time of repentance and reflection on the sufferings and death our Savior went through to earn the forgiveness of sins for us. We are once again offering midweek Lenten services this year and will be participating in a “pulpit exchange” with the other CLC churches in lower Michigan. We are considering the theme: *It’s All About Jesus*. These special services will be held each Wednesday at 7pm. May the Spirit bless our meditation this year!

**VOTERS MEETING MARCH 7:** A brief voters meeting is scheduled for March 7 at 1pm. The treasurer and financial secretary will be resubmitting annual reports.

**OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT:** The normal collection of the offering has been omitted from this service. If you have an offering that you wish to contribute, please deposit it in the gold plate on the shelf in the back of church. If you wish to give your church offering electronically, you can do so by downloading the CashApp on your mobile device. The church’s \$cashtag is “\$clcmztion”. Please direct questions to Financial Secretary Nathan Fobear.

**CLC CALL NEWS:** Pastor David Schaller, Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI, has **accepted** the call from the CLC Call Committee for Education Institutions to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. This call is for replacing Prof. John Reim who is retiring in June of 2021. <> Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY has put in a request/call for the Seminary graduate. <> Teacher Ross Kok, Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ has **returned** the call to Faith, Markesan, WI to be their principal and upper grade teacher. <> Teacher June Schmid has **accepted** the call to Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI to teach full time in the lower grades. <> Mr. Caleb Noeldner has **returned** the call by Messiah, Eau Claire, WI to teach in 5th-6th grade. <> Former Teacher Nathan Wales of West Columbia, SC has **received** the call to Grace, Sleepy Eye MN to serve as their principal and teacher. He has also **received** the call to Messiah, Eau Claire, WI to teach grades 5-6. <> Teacher Matthew Kranz, Immanuel, Mankato, MN has **received** the call to teach lower grades at Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL. <> Former Pastor Eric Libby has **received** the call to Immanuel, Mankato, MN to be Assistant Principal and Counselor position. <> Mr. Kevin Schrader, member of St. Matthews, Dallas, TX has **received** the call to Immanuel, Mankato, MN to teach high school math and science. <> Ms. Jessica Krueger, a member of Faith, Markesan, WI has **received** the call to Faith, Markesan, WI to be upper grade teacher.

**CLC PODCASTS:** Are you looking for some daily encouragement for the low price of zero dollars? Take a listen to the *Morning Chapels from ILC Podcast* or the *Burden and Blessing Podcast*. These Biblically based, easily digestible episodes bring you daily devotions from the campus of Immanuel Lutheran College and discussion from CLC pastors addressing culture and current events in the light of God’s Word. These podcasts are available through iTunes, Google Podcasts, Spotify, or wherever you might listen to your podcasts. Search for “Morning Chapels from ILC” or “Burden and Blessing” and subscribe to get daily comfort from God’s Word delivered straight to your phone.

**SERVING US THIS WEEK**

February Usher: Ben Mueller <> Church Cleaning: Muellers

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

In-Person Worship Last Sunday = 15 // In-Person Bible Class Last Sunday = 7  
 In-Person Ash Wednesday = 14

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3,076.92	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$12,307.69
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$3,226.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$11,574.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$1,157.40
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$1,335.00

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION**

<b>Wed. 3/3</b>	7pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Midweek Lent Service (Pastor Naumann preaching)
<b>Sun. 3/7</b>	9am	Sunday Bible Class
	10am	Worship Service (Lent 3)
	1pm	Voters Meeting to approve Treas. & Fi. Sec. Reports
<b>Tue. 3/9</b>	7pm	Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Council Meeting
	8pm	Outreach Meeting
<b>Sun. 3/28</b>	10am	Palm Sunday Service
<b>Fri. 4/2</b>	7pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
<b>Sun. 4/4</b>	10am	Easter Sunday Service

**IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST**

*Ephesians 6:18 “Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”*

**Jackie McGruder** remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease that attacks tissues and organs. **Jay Sandeen** (at-distance member in Columbus, OH) is currently serving with his Army National Guard unit overseas in Kuwait. The **Wittorps** are expecting a newborn baby boy in May.