

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Mar. 06 - 11, '23

Mon Luke 10:17-20 The disciples were astonished at the power displayed when they proclaimed peace in Jesus' name. It was Jesus' power, not theirs, and He saw much more than earthly enemies overcome. Even the great Accuser was thrown down from heaven, and the disciples' names were written in heaven.

Tues 1 John 2:12-17 In Jesus the entire church, youngest to oldest, is forgiven, knows the Father, and has overcome the evil one. Therefore they can see clearly that their great treasure is not in the things of the world, which is passing away, but in Him who is from the beginning and who abides forever.

Wed Luke 22:54-62 Peter, who thought Jesus' warning foolish, finds out the same night that his own strength is not up to admitting that he is Jesus' disciple. After he has thoroughly denied knowing Jesus, he remembers Jesus' word and is back on the path of repentance to forgiveness.

Thurs Exodus 33:17-23 Moses wants to see the LORD's glory, and the LORD responds by making His goodness pass before him and proclaiming His name. So much more powerful is this than all the glory of the world, that Moses needs special protection, which the LORD graciously supplies.

Fri Isaiah 42:1-4 When the LORD presents His Servant, whom His power upholds, it is with words that remind us of Jesus, the beloved Son, in whom the Father is well-pleased (delights). How different is this One from the powerful ones of this world. He is meek and lowly in heart, bringing rest to our souls.

Sat Isaiah 42:5-8 Again the glory of the LORD is shown in His goodness and His name. The Servant whom He has called will be a covenant for His people, and a light for the gentiles. He comes to bring freedom to the captives and the light of life to those in the dungeon of darkness. Truly, His is a glory unmatched by all the "saviors" of this world!

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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #5

"Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear"

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

C *♫ Amen.*

P Pastor

C Congregation

Confession of Our Sins

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C *♫ Who made heaven and earth.*

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C *♫ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

P O Almighty God, our Maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution from Our God

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given us His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He gives the power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C *♫ Amen.*



Our Midweek Lenten Services Continue this Wednesday morning as we consider our Lenten Theme "Singing with the Exiles." Gathered by the waters of Babylon, Judean exiles wondered: "Is God for real? If so, does He really care about us? What does our future hold? Will this ever change?" God's people had watched their world shatter into a million pieces. They were demoralized and disillusioned. Their disaster looked terminal.

Do you feel this way? Does it look as though your current problems are more than you can bear? Do you find yourself asking: "Why did this happen? Why did God allow it? Is there any order in the world? Will God really deliver on what He said?"

Isaiah answers these questions in chapters 40–55 of his book. He announces that just when Israel's history seemed closed and controlled by hopeless Babylonian imperial policy, to the shock and surprise of everyone the Lord will stir up a king named Cyrus and a new exodus will explode in the desert! A Servant will be wounded for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities. And barren Zion will be given so many children that, like the old woman in the shoe, she won't know what to do! Standing behind these marvelous promises is God's almighty Word. "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever" (Isaiah 40:8). The exiles are going home! That's why we are "Singing with the Exiles" as they are restored to their home.

Please plan to join us this **Wednesday at 9:30 am** as we continue Singing with the Exiles as we journey with the Savior to the cross and the empty tomb. God promises to turn our weeping into joy and our present pain into an endless Alleluia!

P O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Benediction

To the tune of "O Sacred Head"

P ♪ The good Lord bless and keep you,
Lift up His shining face,
With favor look upon you
And grant eternal peace.

G ♪ To Father, Son, and Spirit
Most gracious One-in-Three,
Be glory, praise, and blessing,
Now and eternally!

Hymn: TLH #309

"O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"

CLC Call News Grace Lutheran of Valentine, NE has **decided to call** a third full-time teacher for their Christian Day School beginning with the 2023-2024 school year and **requested a graduate** from ILC's teacher-training program. <> Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion Lutheran, Greater Detroit Area, **has returned the call** to Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma, WA. <> Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel, Mankato **has returned 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.

February 26th Offerings:	\$ 1,586.25
Weekly Offerings needed for budget	\$ 1,661.54
General Fund Balance	\$21,336.38
Faith-Blue Springs Balance	\$30,478.95
Total Cash All Funds	\$67,151.17

The Introit

Ps. 105:4-8

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

P He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

G Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!

P Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

G O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

P He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

G He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

The Gloria Patri

TLH 39:5

Latin for "Glory be to the Father."

G ♪ Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

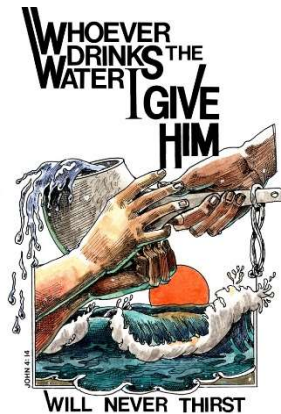
P O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,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

G ♪ Amen.

John 4:5-26

So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask

for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."



The Words of Institution

Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

- ✠ 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." The peace of the Lord be with you always!

The Agnus Dei

To the tune of "Ah, Dearest Jesus"

- ✠ ♪ **Jesus, the Lamb of God, have mercy on us!**
Jesus, who bore our sins, have mercy on us!
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, have mercy!
Lord, grant peace to me!

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, please speak with our Pastor to find out about communing with us in the future!

✠ The Distribution of the Lord's Supper ✠

Thanksgiving

To the tune of "Christ is Our Corner-Stone"

- ✠ ♪ **In peace, Lord, at Your Word, Now let Your servant go;**
For I have seen and heard What all the earth must know;
Salvation for the world is here!
Let Israel's Light shine bright and clear!

Eternal praise and fame Be to our God alone!
We proudly bear His name, Proclaim what He has done:
Salvation free! To Father, Son, and Spirit our thanksgiving be!

✠ The General Prayer & the Lord's Prayer ✠



✠ Order of Holy Communion ✠



The Preface

To the tune of "O Sacred Head"

- P** ♪ The Lord is with His people;
 Now may He be with you.
- C** ♪ **The Lord is with His servants;**
 May He be with you, too.
- P** ♪ Now lift your hearts to praise Him.
- C** ♪ **To God we lift them high.**
 'Tis right to praise and thank Him
 Who to His world draws nigh.

P Always and everywhere it is right to give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who gave His life on the cross for us that, freed from the power of sin and death, we might have eternal joy in Your presence, renewed in faith and life. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus

To the tune of "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word"

- C** ♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 Heav'n and earth proclaim the story
 Of Your majesty adored,
 Of Your kingdom, pow'r, and glory
 With hosannas now we meet You;
 With our palms and praises greet You:
- Hail! Hosanna! Blest is He
 Who in God's own name draws near us!
 Hail! Hosanna! Blest are we
 Since we have God's love to cheer us:
 Blood outpoured and body broken,
 Of eternal love the token.

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴ Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵ And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness . . . ¹³ For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶ That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring-- not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"-- in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #149

"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

Genesis 22:1-18

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.⁴ On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar.⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you."⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"⁸ Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."¹⁵ And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven¹⁶ and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the

LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

Looking from Mt. Moriah to Mt. Calvary

- I. See a Father's willing sacrifice
- II. See a Son's unquestioning obedience
- III. See a Lamb offered as a substitute

The Offertory

♩ Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me Cast me not away from Thy presence; And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: Below

"The Lamb"

1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
 5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.

Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
 So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
 He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
 His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

Refrain
 Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His
 own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!