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4th Sunday in Lent



THE SON OF MAN

came **NOT** *to be served*

**BUT TO**

SERVE



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## ✠ Opening Prayer ✠

**Hymn: TLH #150**

*"Lord Jesus, Thou art Going Forth"*

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

**C** ♪ Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Based on Psalm 143*

**P** O Lord, hear our prayer, listen to our cries for mercy, and in Your faithfulness, come to our relief. Do not bring Your servants into judgment, for no one living is righteous before You. Answer us quickly, O Lord; our spirits fail. Do not hide Your face from us, for we have put our trust in You. Show us the way we should go, for to You we lift up our souls. Teach us to do Your will, for You are our God.

**C** Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against You in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. Like the disciples, I have boldly declared loyalty to you only to fail to proclaim Your name; I have foolishly listened to the devil's lies only to be crushed with guilt and shame.

*Moment of silence for private confession.*

**P** Jesus says to His people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of Your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

**C** Yes, I believe.

**P** Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus 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. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

**Response: TLH #141** *"Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains"*

♪ Jesus, the Lord, the mighty God,

**An all-sufficient ransom paid. O matchless price! His precious blood For vile, rebellious traitors shed.**

♪ Amazing goodness! Love divine!

**Oh, may our grateful hearts adore The matchless grace nor yield to sin Nor wear its cruel fetters more!**

## The Introit

Ps. 25:15; 27:4-6

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

- P** My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.
- C** **One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.**
- P** For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.
- C** **And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
- C** **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## The Gloria Patri

TLH 158:1, 6

*Latin for "Glory be to the Father."*

**C** ♪ **Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the life-blood From His sacred veins!  
Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood,  
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!**

## Collect Prayer of the Day

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

- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** ♪ **Amen.**



## **Genesis 37:1-11**

Jacob lived in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan. <sup>2</sup> These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. <sup>3</sup> Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors. <sup>4</sup> But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him. <sup>5</sup> Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more. <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Hear this dream that I have dreamed: <sup>7</sup> Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright. And behold, your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf." <sup>8</sup> His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Or are you indeed to rule over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words. <sup>9</sup> Then he dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers and said, "Behold, I have dreamed another dream. Behold, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me." <sup>10</sup> But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow ourselves to the ground before you?" <sup>11</sup> And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.

## **Romans 8:1-10**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law

might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

## **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: WS #744**

*"How Great Thou Art"*

### **Mark 10:32-45**

And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, <sup>33</sup> saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. <sup>34</sup> And they will

mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise." <sup>35</sup> And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup> Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" <sup>39</sup> And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." <sup>41</sup> And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup> And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

## Fix Your Eyes on the Sufferings of Jesus

1. It is your Ransom
2. It is your Example

### The Offertory

*In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.*

**✪ 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: TLH #171:1,9-12**

*"Upon the Cross Extended"*

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

## The Order of Holy Communion

**P** Holy Communion is called the Lord's Supper, the Lord's Table, and the Sacrament of the Altar. What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

**C** It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given to us Christians under the bread and wine to eat and to drink, as it was instituted by Christ Himself.

**Responses: WS #755**

*"What Is This Bread?"*

**C** ♪ *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.*

*Oh, taste and see- the Lord is peace.*

## ✠ The Institution of the Lord's Supper ✠

**P** But where is this written?

**C** The holy evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and the apostle Paul write this way:

**P** "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.'

**C** In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying,

**P** '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, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'"

**C** ♪ *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:*

*Oh taste and see- The Lord is King.*

**P** What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

**C** The words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that God gives forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation through the Sacrament.

**P** For where there is forgiveness of sins,

**C** There is also life and salvation!

**C** ♪ *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?  
Oh taste and see- the Lord is free.*

**P** How can eating and drinking do such wonderful things?

**C** **Eating and drinking actually do nothing. It is the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" which do this.**

**P** These words, together with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main part of the Sacrament.

**C** **Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: forgiveness of sins.**

**C** ♪ *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.  
Oh, taste and see- the Lord is real.*

**P** When is one properly prepared to receive this Sacrament?

**C** **Customs in connection with eating and clothing are indeed a fine preparation.**

**P** However, a person is truly worthy and well-prepared who has faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."

**C** **Whoever does not believe these words is unworthy and unprepared. The words, "for you," require nothing but believing hearts.**

**C** ♪ *Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!  
I do believe, That I receive,  
His very body and His blood.  
Oh, taste and see- the Lord is good.*

### ✠ The Distribution of the Lord's Supper ✠

*After the distribution, we will continue with the following verse:*

**C** ♪ *What can I say, To ever thank Him for His grace?  
I'll take my place, Among His saints,  
And join my tongue in word and song.  
Oh, taste and see, Praise God with me!*

## The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

*The blessing given by God for His people.*

**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 His peace.

**C**  **Amen, amen, a – men.**

**Hymn: TLH #442**

*“Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us”*

**Prayers Requested:** Last weekend, Pastor Neal Radichel suffered a heart attack while playing basketball at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. An ambulance took him to the hospital where he underwent several procedures.

**Praise to the Lord** that Pastor Radichel did not sustain any permanent damage to his heart. He is now doing well and back at home. His diagnosis *will* mean lifestyle adjustments for the rest of his life. **Please pray** that the Lord would grant him continued recovery and health for many years to come.

**CLC Call News** Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church of Middleton, WI has decided to re-open its Christian day school for Fall 2023. They **have called** Mrs. Leah Ude of Eau Claire, WI as teacher. <> Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Mountain View, CA **is considering the call** to serve as the third pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

<b>March 12<sup>th</sup> Offerings:</b>	\$ 932.75
Weekly Offerings needed for budget	\$ 1,661.54
General Fund Balance	\$19,606.80
Faith-Blue Springs Balance	\$35,889.33
<b>Total Cash All Funds</b>	<b>\$70,831.97</b>

### Upcoming Lent Schedule:

- Wed., March 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 9:30 am – Midweek Lenten Service
- Wed., March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am – Midweek Lenten Service
- Sun., April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10 am – Palm Sunday Service
- Wed., April 5<sup>th</sup> – No Midweek Lenten Service
- Fri., April 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm – Good Friday Communion Service
- Sun. April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am – Easter Breakfast
- Sun. April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am – Easter Service

## CLC World Missions Prayer List

**New CLC Missionary** (East Africa) – The 2008 CLC Convention passed a resolution to call a third foreign missionary to serve in East Africa when financially feasible. Fifteen years later, the Lord has provided for this need! Pastor Bruce Naumann was led to accept a divine call to serve as a resident Missionary to Tanzania. His primary responsibility will be assisting the TZ-CLC as they continue to develop the Wittenberg Lutheran Theological Seminary. He will be teaching several classes and helping to develop seminary curriculum that will be used for years to come to train faithful pastors and leaders. Missionary Naumann was commissioned on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, and will fly to Tanzania on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Once he arrives in Tanzania, he will have a few weeks to settle in before second-semester classes begin shortly after the Easter break. Following a one-month furlough in the U.S. this summer, he will be joined by his wife Paula when he returns to Tanzania in August for the beginning of the third semester. **Thank the Lord** for providing a faithful servant to take up this important work of training more workers for the harvest fields of East Africa and his faithful and willing wife! **Ask for the Lord's** blessings and wisdom as Missionary Naumann and Paula make final preparations to take up this new calling.

**Myanmar** (Southeast Asia) – For the past two years since the military coup d'état, Myanmar has been struggling under the harsh rule of the military Junta. This has brought much pain, suffering, economic hardship, and uncertainty. Our brothers and sisters in Christ of the CLC-Myanmar (CLCM) in rural Chin State are struggling to provide for their families. Recent reports indicate that more than two million people have been displaced since the military coup in February of 2021. The CLC Board of Missions recently authorized additional Kinship humanitarian funds to assist the leaders of the CLCM in providing for basic needs to the more than 400 families suffering. **Pray** for justice and peace for all the people of Myanmar. **Pray** especially for our brothers and sisters in Christ that the Lord will grant them strength, courage, and boldness during these difficult times and that He will provide for all their needs. **Thank the Lord** for moving the hearts of His children to give generously to the needs of others through their offerings to Kinship.

**India** (Southeast Asia) – The Martin Luther Bible School (MLBS) of the BELC in India conducted a graduation service for twenty-seven pastors on March 15<sup>th</sup>. These pastors have all successfully completed two years of Biblical training covering Lutheran Doctrine, Luther's Small Catechism, Bible Interpretation,

Preaching Law and Gospel, Lutheran Worship, and Evangelism. These pastors have now been assigned to BELC congregations. Their training will now transition from full-time classroom instruction to monthly pastoral training seminars as they continue to further their understanding of Scripture. Twenty-five students graduate from the MLBS every other year. Most of the MLBS students are married with children. Kinship sponsorship allows these men to continue supporting their families while at the seminary. **Thank the Lord** for these new pastors and **ask the Lord to bless** their preaching and teaching and their continuing education in God's word.

**Togo** (West Africa) – Pastor Kossi Blewu has been suffering from internal ulcers causing low blood pressure, weakness, and pain. He has recently been to hospital and has been told to get some much-needed rest along with medications. **Pray for the Lord's blessings** on the medical care Pastor Kossi is receiving and allow him to get the necessary rest for complete healing.

**Kenya** (East Africa) – The CLC Bd of Missions (BoM) recently began sending the MDF Grant funds to assist with much-needed classroom repairs and construction at the Kinship-supported schools in Etago and Moi's Bridge. Construction has begun and is moving along quickly. **Give thanks to the Lord** for the privilege of assisting our brothers and sisters in Christ in training so many young souls through the two schools. **Pray for the Lord's continued blessings** upon the teachers, students, and staffs of St. David's Kinship School and Emmaus Millimani School as they grow in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

**Zambia** (Central Africa) – The leaders of the Zambia-CLC continue the process of registering the church body. This is an important and necessary step as they continue to organize Gospel outreach in three different areas of the country in an orderly way. Having a registered church body will also allow Pastor Ibrahim, originally from Tanzania, to continue his work unimpeded. **Pray for the Lord's blessing** on this registration work and grant the leaders patient persistence.

**Bangladesh** (Southeast Asia) – Pastor Monotosh reports that the Bangladesh Lutheran Church mission has completed the purchase of a small piece of land on the outskirts of Gopalganj. This land purchase was made possible through a CLC Mission Development Fund grant. The long-term plan is to build a multi-purpose building that will serve as a place of worship, home, and Bible school. Missionary Ohlmann is planning a visit to Bangladesh in early

May. **Thank the Lord** for funding this land through the offerings given to the MDF. **Ask the Lord** to continue to bless both the preaching and hearing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by the BLCM. **Pray for the Lord's wisdom and provision** as the BLCM continues to make plans to construct a building.

**Tanzania** (East Africa) – First-semester classes at the Wittenberg Lutheran Theological Seminary in Arusha will conclude on March 27th. Five students from Tanzania and two from the Kenya-LC are enrolled in the three-year seminary course. Three additional students have begun the one-year pre-seminary/evangelism course. The faculty and students are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Missionary Naumann. **Ask for the Lord's blessings** on these students and those called to teach and train them.

**The Philippines** (Southeast Asia) – Pastor Jordan Palangyos has completed the first introductory Online Theological Study course based on the CLC Statement of Faith and Purpose and continues regular correspondence with Missionary Ohlmann. Pastor Rob Sauers (Bd of Missions) and Missionary Ohlmann are scheduled to travel to Manila in late April for an initial face-to-face visit with Pastor Palagyo and those he serves. **Pray** that the Lord will continue to bless this correspondence and lead to a God-pleasing unity of faith and teaching. **Ask the Lord** to provide opportunities and all that is necessary for Pastor Jordan to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ!

**Visiting Missionary Upcoming Travels** – Missionary Ohlmann will travel to Tanzania, the Philippines, and Bangladesh over the next few months. He'll be back in the States for a couple of months to celebrate his youngest daughter's homeschool high-school graduation and to attend the CLC Pastoral conference before the Mission Helper Trip to Nepal at the end of June. **Pray** for the Lord's wisdom and blessings on the preparation for these trips and that the Lord will provide safe and uneventful travel and productive time spent in our Savior's harvest fields. **Ask the Lord** to be with, protect, and provide for Missionary Ohlmann's family while he is away. **Thank the Lord** for His faithfulness in blessing the truths of His saving Word taught throughout the world!

**Ongoing Opportunities** – **please continue to pray** for all of our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world, who, by God's grace, are dedicated to proclaiming the truths of God's Word for the salvation of souls as they trust the promise of our Savior that His Word will not return to Him void but will accomplish His purposes!