


February 25, 2024  
2nd Sunday of Lent

A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of several tall, slender trees with thick trunks and dense green foliage, reaching towards a bright blue sky. The perspective creates a sense of height and upward movement.

**MY FAITH**  
*Looks Up*  
**TO THEE**



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## ✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #388

*“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”*

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

### Confession & Absolution

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- P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from conception. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**
- P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!
- C Amen!**

### The Introit

*Ps. 25:1ff*

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

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- P** Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
- C Let not my enemies exult over me. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.**
- P** To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame.
- C Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!**
- P** Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
- C For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

# The Kyrie & The Gloria Patri

*Latin for "Lord, Have Mercy" and "Glory be to the Father"*



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



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.



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.

## 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.**

## Genesis 32:22-32

The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. <sup>24</sup> And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup> Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup> Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the name of the



place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." <sup>31</sup> The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. <sup>32</sup> Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

## Romans 5:1-5

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> Not only that, but 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.

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C** *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*These words are written that we may believe  
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## Confession of Faith

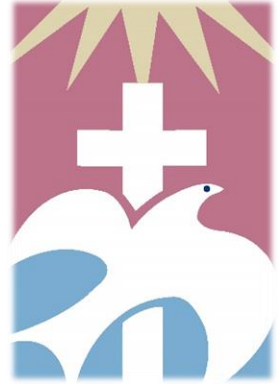
*The Apostles' Creed*

### 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 #433**

*"Jesus, My Truth, My Way"*

### **Matthew 15:21-28**

And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>

And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." <sup>23</sup> But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." <sup>24</sup> He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup> And he answered, "It is not right to take the

children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

### “Great Is Your Faith!”

- I. Great faith believes who Jesus really is
- II. Great faith knows Jesus has something to give



### The Offertory

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

**G** ♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

**Hymn: TLH #522:1-4**

*“When In the Hour of Utmost Need”*

✠ The General Prayer & the Lord's Prayer ✠

### 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.

**G Amen!**

**Hymn: TLH #394**

*“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*





**ILC Tour Choir** – The ILC Tour Choir is scheduled to have a concert at our congregation on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. This will be held during the normal Sunday service.

- **Housing** – The choir will arrive in St. Louis on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>, and we will need to house them the night before the concert. Do you have a spare bed or two for choir members to stay in overnight? There will be 26 individuals that need to be housed. Choir members are housed in pairs. If you are able to take a few choir members for the night, please consider doing so.
- **Potluck** – After the concert on Sunday, we will be having a potluck with the choir, before sending them on their way back home to Eau Claire.

**CLC Call News** - Teacher Neil Bernthal of Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven, FL, **has received** the call from Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI. <> Teacher Levi Schaller of Grace Lutheran School, Fridley, MN, **has received** the call from Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI. — Teacher Levi **has also received** the call from Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. <> Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church and School, Phoenix, AZ **is still considering the call** from Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Mankato, MN. <> Teacher Amy Osborne of Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC, **has returned the call** from Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. <> Teacher Kendra Rodebaugh of Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane, WA, **has returned the call** from Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI. <> Teacher Matthew Kranz, Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, **is still considering the call** to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI to be their 5th- 6th grade teacher and assistant principal. <> Teacher Matthew Thurow of Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN **is still considering the call** to be a professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College in Eau Claire, WI. This is to fill the position currently held by Professor Mark Kranz who is retiring at the end of this school year.

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

February 26 – March 2, 2024

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*"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."*

-Psalm 119:105

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**Mon John 8:21-30** Jesus knows the kind of death which lies before Him at their hands (v28-when you *lift up the Son of Man*), but continues to call on the Jews to put their trust in Him for forgiveness.

**Tues Hebrews 2:10-15** It was fitting for the Son of God to share in our humanity, that through suffering and dying He might destroy the Devil and free us from our slavery to the fear of death.

**Wed Exodus 14:13-21** The LORD saved His people from the hand of their enemies, not with human weapons of war, but with His power over clouds, wind, and waves. So in His own way He will also protect His children today, and bring them to their heavenly home.

**Thurs Isaiah 52:7-10** Isaiah pictures the joyous news coming ahead of God's people returning from the Babylonian captivity. How much greater the joy that accompanies God's people going to their heavenly home.

**Fri Isaiah 52:11-12** Unlike the release from Egypt, when the Israelites were urged to carry with them the riches of the land, from Babylon they were to take nothing. So also from this world we take no worldly wealth when our journey turns heavenward.

**Sat Isaiah 52:13-15** The LORD's servant will succeed! Of that we can be assured even when we recoil at His disfigured form. As great as His humiliation will be, His exaltation will be even greater, and "kings will shut their mouths because of him" (v15).