

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 #409

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

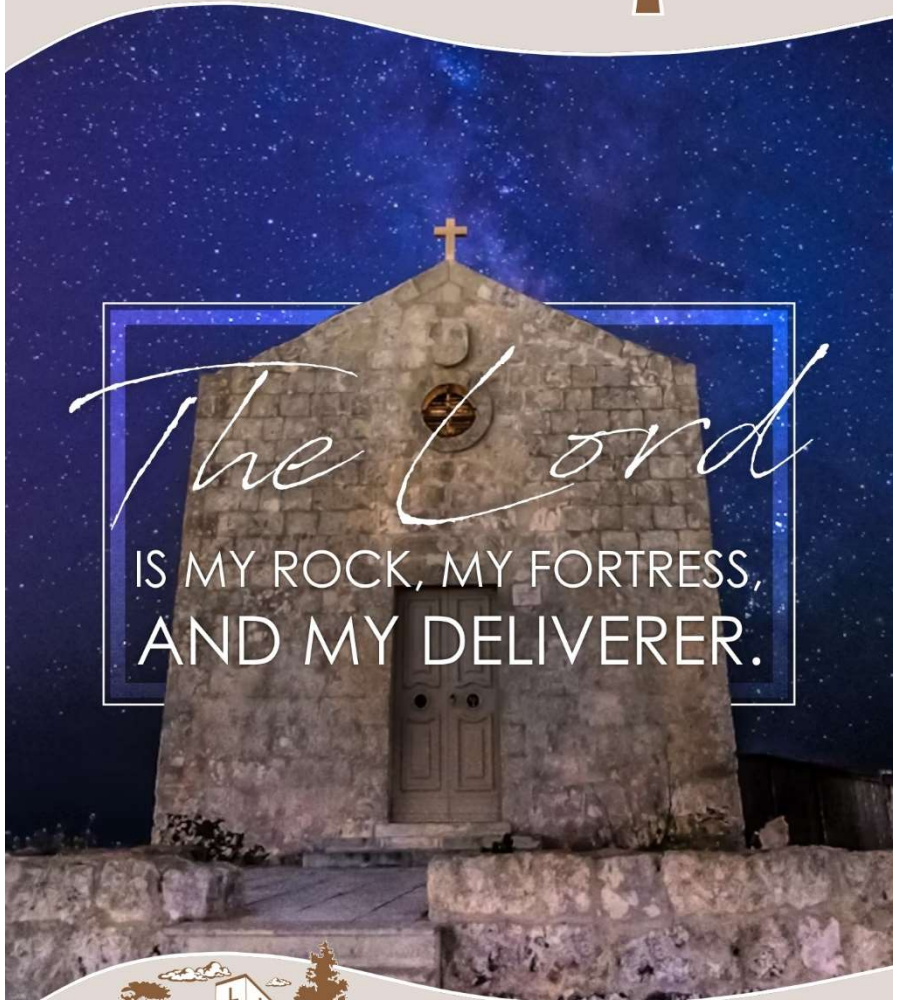
Missionary Ohlmann is currently in Nigeria teaching at the NCLC Pastoral Conference. Please pray for his work and his safe return. You can follow along with his travels on his blog: <https://missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com/>

Pastor will be in Eau Claire from Wednesday night to Saturday.

ILC's Tour Choir will be here on March 16th and 17th for a concert on Sunday, March 17th. We've already figured out the housing. Let's be sure to take time today to discuss the potluck!

CLC Call News - Teacher Matthew Thurow of Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN **has accepted the call** to be a professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College in Eau Claire, WI. <> Teacher Neil Bernthal of Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven, FL, **is still considering** the call from Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI. <> Teacher Levi Schaller of Grace Lutheran School, Fridley, MN, **is still considering** the call from Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI; and Teacher Levi **is still considering** 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 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 Josh Ohlmann Holy Trinity West Columbia, SC **is still considering the call** to teach at Gethsemane in Saginaw MI.

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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #258 *"Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation"*

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

C *♫ Amen.*

Confession of Our Sins

P Pastor

C Congregation

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.*

The Words of Institution

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

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."

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!

C *♫ Amen.*

The Agnus Dei

C *♫ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, That takest away the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God That takest away the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, That takest away the sin of the world. Grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

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. 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 more.

✠ The Distribution of the Lord's Supper ✠

The Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

C *♫ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant Depart in peace according to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation; Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, A Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.*

called him. ³² And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." ³³ And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴ And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

Jesus is Lord!

I. He's bound Satan

II. He's set you free

The Offertory

- C** *♩ 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 #437

"Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode"

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

P The Lord be with you.

C *♩ And with thy spirit.*

P Lift up your hearts.

C *♩ We lift them up unto the Lord.*

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, Our God.

C *♩ It is meet and right so to do.*

P It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should, at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

C *♩ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.*

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The Introit

Ps. 25:1-2, 15-18, 20

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 **Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.**

P To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

C **O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.**

P The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses.

C **Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.**

P Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

The Gloria Patri

TLH #377:6, 10

Latin for "Glory be to the Father."

C *♩ Since Christ hath full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Thy grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Thy death is now my life indeed,
For Thou hast paid my ransom.*

*All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God that saved us by His grace, -
All glory to His merit! O Triune God in heaven above,
Who hast revealed Thy saving love,
Thy blessed name be hallowed.*

Collect Prayer of the Day

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

P O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** *♩ Amen.*

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The Order of Holy Communion

2 Samuel 22:1-7

And David spoke to the LORD the words of this song on the day when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. ² He said, "The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, ³ my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence. ⁴ I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. ⁵ "For the waves of death encompassed me, the torrents of destruction assailed me; ⁶ the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me. ⁷ "In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I called. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry came to his ears.

Ephesians 5:1-9

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ³ But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).



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 #764

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Mark 3:20-35

Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat.

²¹ And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind." ²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." ²³ And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house. ²⁸ "Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"-- ³⁰ for they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit." ³¹ And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and