

The Last Sunday before Lent

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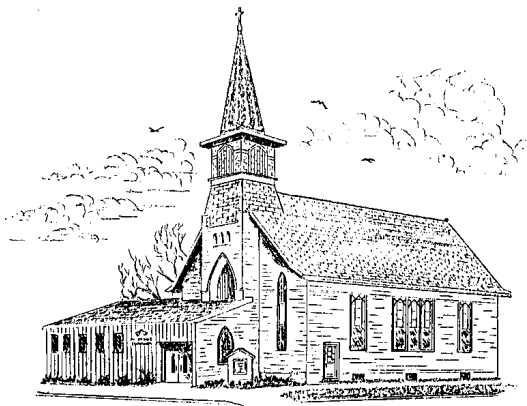
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**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience.

**Prelude** Mrs. Lana Strike

**Order of Service** Page 12ff. in the Worship Supplement

**Epistle Lesson** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have *the gift of prophecy*, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love.

**Gospel Lesson** Luke 18:31-43 Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished. For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon. They will scourge *Him* and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again." But they understood none of these things; this saying was hidden from them, and they did not know the things which were spoken.

Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I

may receive my sight.” Then Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw *it*, gave praise to God.

**Hymn** 777 *Amazing Grace*

**Sermon** Mark 10:32-34 Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.”

## **The Fearless Savior... Of Fearful People**

**Offertory**

**Offering of Thankful Hearts**

**Hymn** *Lamb of God*

**Prayer + The Lord’s Prayer**

**The Benediction**

**Hymn** 769 *Lift High the Cross*

**LENT** The season officially begins on Wednesday at 7 p.m. The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated. The Lenten season gives us special opportunities to worship and grow in our faith. A finger-food potluck to follow.

**SOFTENER** We owe a special thanks to the two men who installed a new water softener in the church and also worked on resolving the problems with the audio in church and online.

**BOOK STUDY** The group meets tomorrow evening at 6:30. You are invited to join in person or online.

**SURGERY** Mike Fogelman was released from the Worthington Hospital on Thursday evening, following an appendectomy on Wednesday. Tonya Wendland is at home recovering from her second eye surgery. Please remember both of your fellow Christians in prayer.

**BASKETBALL** Our young people will play in a tournament in Mankato today. Their first game is at 1:00. May the Lord bless them with safe travel and an enjoyable afternoon with their fellow Christians.

**CLC NEWS** Pastor Neal Radichel, Mankato, has the call to Eau Claire. Pastor Tom Naumann, Detroit, has the call to serve Lynnwood (Seattle) and Tacoma, WA.

**Missionary Commissioning service** - On Sunday March 12, Pastor Bruce Naumann will be commissioned as our CLC missionary to Tanzania. During the weekend of the CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament in Eau Claire, WI there will be three church services at Messiah: Saturday at 5 and 6:30 pm, and Sunday at 9 am. We will have a guest speaker for the weekend services, with the actual commissioning taking place on Sunday morning. Missionary Todd Ohlmann will present an overview of CLC foreign missions for the Bible class hour (Saturday at 7:45 pm and Sunday at 10:15 am). On Sunday this will be followed by a cake and coffee reception. All are welcome to join in sending Missionary Naumann to his field of service with our prayers and support.

**The CLC Tourney Band** will perform at the CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament in Eau Claire On Saturday, March 11. Register band players (grades 5-8) at [clctourneyband.weebly.com](http://clctourneyband.weebly.com) Music is available on the website. Please send questions to: [music@thelaus.com](mailto:music@thelaus.com)

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**USHERS** 02/19 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.  
02/26 Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B. Jonathen L.  
03/05 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.

**CLEANING** (Wk. 2) The Luecks and Strikes  
D. Ling, C. Rovere, S. Sumey