

2nd Sunday of Lent

March 16th, 2025

Liturgy: WS p. 22

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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.

P Pastor

C Congregation

Confession of Our Sins

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

P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us pray.

C Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. 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 Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Response

TLH #525:2,4

C ♪ *For Thee, my God, the living God, My thirsty soul doth pine;
Oh, when shall I behold Thy face, Thou Majesty Divine?*

*To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom we adore,
Be glory as it was, is now, And shall be evermore.*

The Introit

Ps. 25:1ff

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

- 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.**

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.
- C** **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. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴ And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷ And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said,

"Jacob." ²⁸ 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." ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ 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." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. ³² 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. ² 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. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ 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.

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE...

in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

✠ The Sermon ✠

**Matthew 15:21-28**

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

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." ²³ 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." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ 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**

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✪ 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 ✠

✠ 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"

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Lent Continues – Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Immanuel-Mankato will be preaching for us Wednesday at 6:30 pm as we continue with our Lenten theme: Sounds of the Passion.

Pastor & Family will be out-of-town this week, visiting family in Spokane, WA. Pastor Albrecht will be leading next Sunday's worship service in Pastor Rodebaugh's absence. The Rodebaughs are planning to return on Monday, March 23rd. If you need to get a hold of Pastor while he is gone, you can email/text/or call at any time. His contact information is on the cover of the bulletin.

Mission Helper Trip Fund – If you are able and willing to contribute funds to help offset the costs for Larry Boernsen to travel to Nepal this summer as part of the 2025 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Nepal, you are invited to do so by contributing to our **Mission Helper Trip Fund**, by marking donations as such on your offering envelope. (Use one of the blanks on the left side of the envelope.)

Visitors' Day – Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI will host their annual High School Visitors Day on Friday, May 2, 2025 for students grades 7 and up. A schedule of events and online registration can be found at www.ilc.edu. Please register students and chaperones by Friday, April 25. For more information please contact Prof. Joel Gullerud (joel.gullerud@ilc.edu 715-544-8446).

Installation at Faith, New Ulm – The members of Faith, New Ulm, invite you to join them in giving thanks to the Lord of the Church for supplying them with a pastor. George Dummann will be installed as pastor of Faith on Sunday, March 30 at 4pm. A meal will be provided following the service. If you plan to attend, please let your pastor or Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer know by Sunday, March 16 (revpfei@gmail.com).

CLC Youth Camp at Pillager 2025 – Registration opens Saturday March 15th at 10am CST. CLC Youth Camp at Pillager is for campers entering grades 6th-12th. Camp runs June 8-14th, 2025. For more information please visit our website, <https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp>, or contact Amber Casto or Ethan Sydow at youthcamp.clc@gmail.com.

CLC Call News – Christine Starland (part-time teacher) and Deb Owens (band) have **accepted** their respective calls to Berea Lutheran School of Inver Grove Heights, MN. <> Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Watertown, SD, and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD, has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO, has **received** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has **received** the call to Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI. <> Pastor Caleb Schaller of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has **received** the call to Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran Church, Mission, SD, and St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, White River, SD.

Ushers	3/16	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
	3/23	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
	3/30	Kendall B, Larry B.
Cleaning	This Week – The Ruthenbecks (wk 2)	
	Up Next – DeWall, Bass	

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

March 17th – 22nd, 2025

Mon John 9:1-12 Jesus brings new light to the eyes of a man blind from birth. The man could not explain how mud and rinsing brought sight, except that Jesus had done it, and now he could see for the first time!

Tues John 9:13-22 The Pharisees did not want to believe that Jesus brought light to the blind man's eyes, so they remained in darkness, while it began to dawn on him that his Helper was a prophet, sent from God!

Wed Romans 8:28-39 God works in all things for the good of His own, from foreknowing them to glorifying them. Therefore we say and sing, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (v31).

Thurs Exodus 2:1-10 The Lord watches over the baby by whom He will deliver His people from bondage, so that he will be nursed by his own mother and given the best education available in Pharaoh's own palace.

Fri Psalm 51:1-12 After the prophet Nathan's visit (2Sam12), David confesses His great sinfulness, even from birth. He looks to God for cleansing, deliverance, a clean heart, and the restored joy of His salvation.

Sat Psalm 51:13-19 As a forgiven child of God, David will declare God's praise (v15), and shout for joy. As forgiven people of God, Zion will bring thank-offerings – righteous sacrifices – to God (v18-19).

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