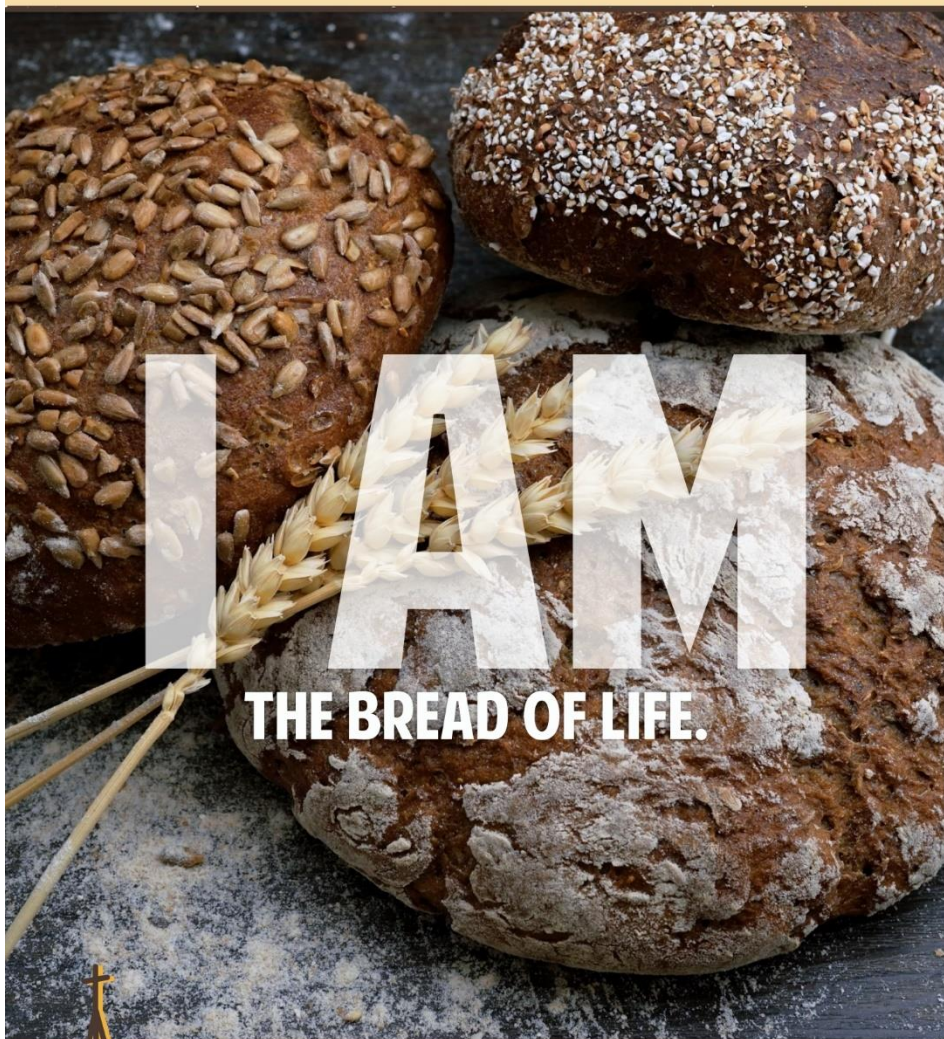


4th Sunday of Lent

March 30th, 2025

Liturgy: TLH p. 5; Carol Card

Organist: Kathy Lueck



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## ✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #347:1-2, 6

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

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

**C** ♪ **Amen.**

**P** Pastor

### **Confession of Our Sins**

**C** **Congregation**

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

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**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 Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** Almighty God our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Absolution from Our God**

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*"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)*

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**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the children 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 Introit

Ps. 122:1-2, 6, 8; Is. 66:10-11

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

- P** Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her;
- C** **That you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast.**
- P** I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
- C** **Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!**
- P** Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May they be secure who love you!
- C** **For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"**
- 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 16:4

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

- C** ♪ **Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Praise to Thee and adoration!  
Grant that we Thy Word may trust  
And obtain true consolation  
While we here below must wander,  
Till we sing Thy praises yonder.**

## The Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

## The Collect Prayer 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.**



## Exodus 16:2-21

And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup> and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not." <sup>5</sup> On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." <sup>6</sup> So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup> and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" <sup>8</sup> And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him-- what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD." <sup>9</sup> Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'" <sup>10</sup> And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup> "I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you

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*"[He] fed you with manna...  
that He might make you know  
that man does not live by  
bread alone, but man lives by  
every word that comes from  
the mouth of the LORD."*

- Deuteronomy 8:3

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shall know that I am the LORD your God." <sup>13</sup> In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. <sup>14</sup> And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup> When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. <sup>16</sup> This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.'" <sup>17</sup> And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. <sup>18</sup> But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. <sup>19</sup> And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over till the morning." <sup>20</sup> But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. <sup>21</sup> Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.



## **Acts 2:41-47**

So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. <sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**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.**

**Hymn: TLH #54**

*"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

✠ **The Sermon** ✠

**John 6:22-35**

On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. <sup>23</sup> Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. <sup>24</sup> So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. <sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup> So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do,

that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? <sup>31</sup> Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" <sup>32</sup> Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup> They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." <sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

### **The Bread of Life: Food that Truly Satisfies**

I. We don't want it

II. Jesus provides it

#### **The Offertory**

*To the tune of "O Sacred Head"*

**G** ♪ ***What language shall I borrow To thank You, dearest Friend,  
For all Your dying sorrow, Your pity without end?  
Oh, make me Yours forever; And should I fainting prove,  
Lord, let me never, never Outlive Your dying love!***

✠ **The Offering of Thankful Hearts** ✠

**Hymn: TLH #316**

*"O Living Bread from Heaven"*

✠ **The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer** ✠

✠ **Order of Holy Communion** ✠

#### **The Preface**

*To the tune of "O Sacred Head"*

**P** ♪ *The Lord is with His people;  
Now may He be with you.*

**G** ♪ ***The Lord is with His servants;  
May He be with you, too.***

**P** ♪ *Now lift your hearts to praise Him.*

**G** ♪ ***To God we lift them high.  
'Tis right to praise and thank Him  
Who to His world draws nigh.***

**P** Always and everywhere it is right to give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who gave His life on the cross for us that, freed from the power of sin and death, we might have eternal joy in Your presence, renewed in faith and life. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**The Sanctus**      *To the tune of "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word"*

**C**      *♯ Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
Heav'n and earth proclaim the story  
Of Your majesty adored,  
Of Your kingdom, pow'r, and glory  
With hosannas now we meet You;  
With our palms and praises greet You:*

*Hail! Hosanna! Blest is He  
Who in God's own name draws near us!  
Hail! Hosanna! Blest are we  
Since we have God's love to cheer us:  
Blood outpoured and body broken,  
Of eternal love the token.*

**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!



## The Agnus Dei

To the tune of "O Dearest Jesus"

**☞** *Jesus, the Lamb of God, have mercy on us!  
Jesus, who bore our sins, have mercy on us!  
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, have mercy!  
Lord, grant peace to me!*

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### **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. This belief is based upon 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30, among other Bible passages. 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 about communing with us in the future!

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

#### **Distribution Hymns**

TLH #312, TLH #313, TLH #311

*After the Distribution, we continue by singing our Thanksgiving, as found below:*

#### **Thanksgiving**

To the tune of "Christ is Our Corner-Stone"

**☞** *In peace, Lord, at Your Word,  
Now let Your servant go;  
For I have seen and heard  
What all the earth must know;  
Salvation for the world is here!  
Let Israel's Light shine bright and clear!*

*Eternal praise and fame  
Be to our God alone!  
We proudly bear His name,  
Proclaim what He has done:  
Salvation free! To Father, Son,  
and Spirit our thanksgiving be!*

**P** O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **The Benediction**

*To the tune of "O Sacred Head"*

**P** *♫ The good Lord bless and keep you,  
Lift up His shining face,  
With favor look upon you  
And grant eternal peace.*

**C** *♫ **To Father, Son, and Spirit  
Most gracious One-in-Three,  
Be glory, praise, and blessing,  
Now and eternally!***

**Hymn: TLH #48** *"How Blest Are They Who Hear God's Word"*



**Thank you** to Pastor Albrecht and Mr. Kazemba for their service last weekend in Pastor Rodebaugh's absence!

**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 Dumann will be installed as pastor of Faith today, Sunday, March 30 at 4pm. A meal will be provided following the service.

**Mission Helper Trip Fund** – If you are able and willing to contribute funds to help offset the costs for Larry Boersen 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. (Using blanks on the left side.)

**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](http://www.ilc.edu). Please register students and chaperones by Friday, April 25. For more information please contact Prof. Joel Gullerud ([joel.gullerud@ilc.edu](mailto:joel.gullerud@ilc.edu) 715-544-8446).

**CLC Call News** – Pastor Paul Tiefel, Jr of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has announced his **retirement** as of August, 2025. <> Teacher Amy Mielke of Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI, has **received** the call to Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac WI. <> Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO, has **returned** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA.<> Grace Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN, has **called** Mrs. Vanessa Wales and Mrs. Danielle Sippert to teach language arts and other courses for the 2025-2026 school year to replace Mrs. Debra Mayhew whose call will expire at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. <> Pastor Caleb Schaller of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has **accepted** the call to Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran Church, Mission, SD, and St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, White River, SD. <> 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.

<b>Ushers</b>	3/30	Kendall B, Larry B.
	4/6	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
	4/13	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
<b>Cleaning</b>	This Week – Zuehlke, Winters, Appel (wk. 4)	
	Up Next – Kazemba, Thaemlitz	

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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**Mon John 11:1-16** When Jesus hears that Lazarus is sick, He does not immediately go to help. This does **not** mean that He lacks love, but that He has greater understanding than we, His followers, do.

**Tues John 11:17-27** Four days in the tomb, decaying – this is not too great a problem for the Resurrection and the Life. Such is the glory of the Christ, the Son of God who was to come into the world (v4,v27).

**Wed 2 Corinthians 5:14-21** Since Christ died for all, all died, and His resurrection declares that we are also reconciled to God. Christ became sin for us that we might become righteousness in Him (v21).

**Thurs Isaiah 64:1-4** Because enemies trample the sanctuary, Isaiah calls upon God to descend with power and rescue His people, both from their earthly foes and from His own just judgment upon their sins.

**Fri Isaiah 64:5-12** Even on the cross Jesus never stopped looking to God for help. Isaiah also, admitting guilt, still looks to God for mercy. Do not be angry, Lord, without limit, or remember our guilt forever (v9).

**Sat Exodus 3:1-14** The Lord comes to Moses in a burning bush at a time when Moses no longer thinks he can deliver the Israelites from Egypt. God says: This is my time, and **I am** will be with you!



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