

March 13, 2022

Second Sunday in Lent



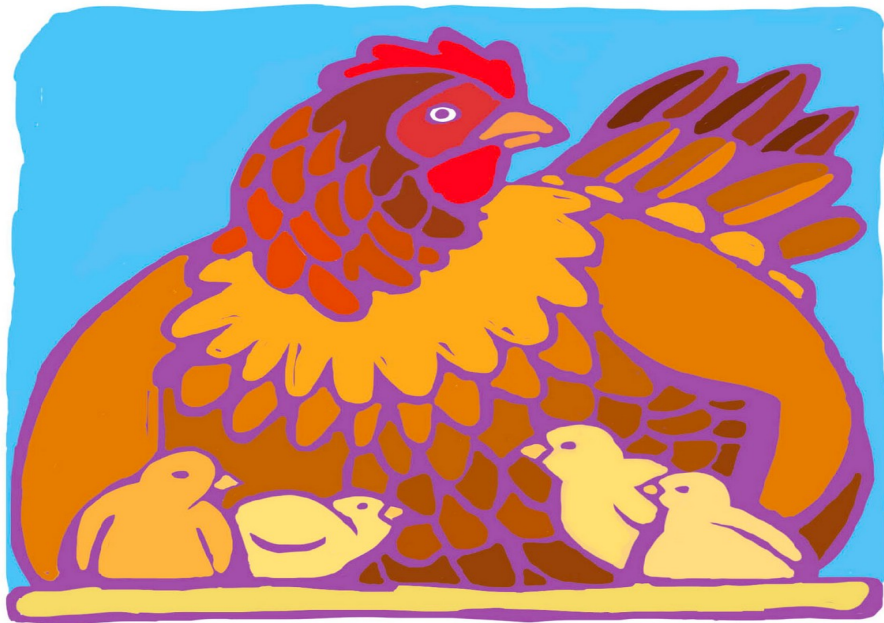
“We Preach Christ Crucified...”

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

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... you will not see me until the
time comes when you say,
“Blessed is the one who
comes in the name of the Lord.”

Luke 13:35, NRSV

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As We Gather

Jesus weeps. His heart is broken. He longs to gather God's children together. Like the prophets of old, He laments over the unbelief He sees in the place where saving faith should be most evident: Jerusalem. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem. . . . How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!" (Luke 13:34). Both back in the day and in our own day, many people refuse to be gathered to Jesus, even as He willingly and mercifully offers His life for all. This reality breaks Jesus' heart, and it should break ours also. Nevertheless, there is good news: the rejection of the multitudes never deters the faithfulness of our Savior. He is relentless in His pursuit of sinners, longing to see them in the place where He gathers us in grace and fills us with forgiveness. That place is right here! Right here and now, Jesus invites you to come to Him. So we gather together as the children of God under the wings of our living and loving Savior!

[Today's hymns are printed on pages 8-14 of the bulletin.]

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

TLH 149 – Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 4:1

P Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

C You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

P Lord God, our Father, hear the prayers of Your gathered children.

C We have turned away from You when we should be turning toward You. Forgive us, heavenly Father. We have run from You when we should be running to You. Have mercy upon us, Lord Jesus. We have rejected Your grace when we should be receiving it. Cleanse us of our sin, Spirit of truth. Draw us again to the cross, where You died for us, so that we be gathered into Your presence and covered with Your forgiveness. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us.". The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 26:8-15

⁸ And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die!” ⁹ Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. ¹⁰ When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹ Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.” ¹² Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³ Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴ But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵ Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 4

- P** Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress.
- C** **Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!**
- P** O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?
- C** **How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?**
- P** But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;
- C** **the LORD hears when I call to him.**
- P** Be angry, and do not sin;
- C** **ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.**
- P** Offer right sacrifices,
- C** **and put your trust in the LORD.**
- P** There are many who say, “Who will show us some good?”
- C** **Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!”**
- P** You have put more joy in my heart
- C** **than they have when their grain and wine abound.**
- P** In peace I will both lie down and sleep;
- C** **for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. ¹ Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Confession of Faith

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.

Hymn

TLH 429 – Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart



Sermon Text

Luke 13:31-35

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ³³ Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ ³⁴ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ”



Sermon

Today, Tomorrow, and Forever

Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O
 God. Re - new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me
 not a - way from Your pres-ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
 Spir-it from me. Re - store to me the joy of Your sal-
 va - tion. Up - hold me with Your free Spir - it.

Hymn

WS 748 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Offering Hymn

TLH 441 (1-2) – We Give Thee But Thine Own

1. We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2. May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first-fruits give!

General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

TLH 352 – O Savior, Precious Savior

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TLH 149 – Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

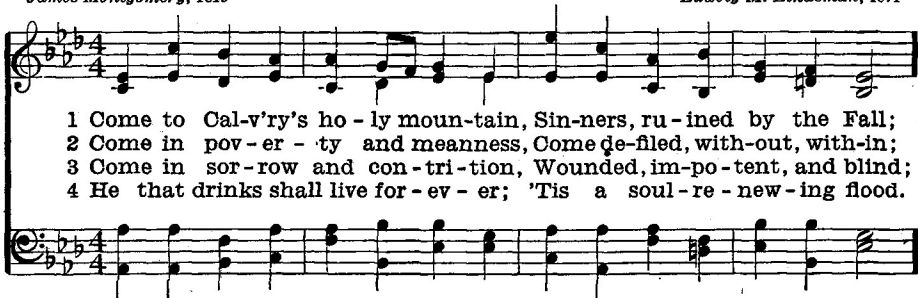
Matt. 11: 28

James Montgomery, 1819

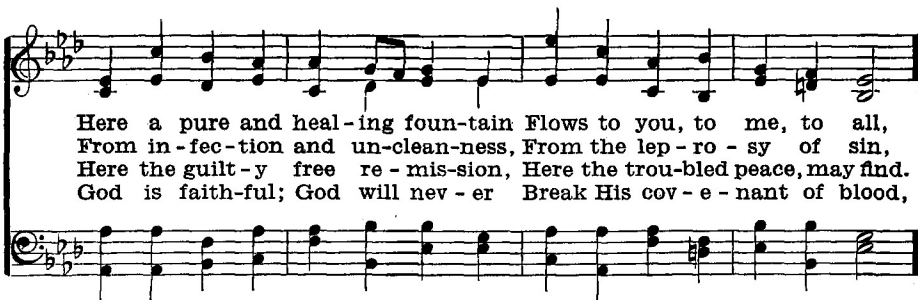
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Consolation

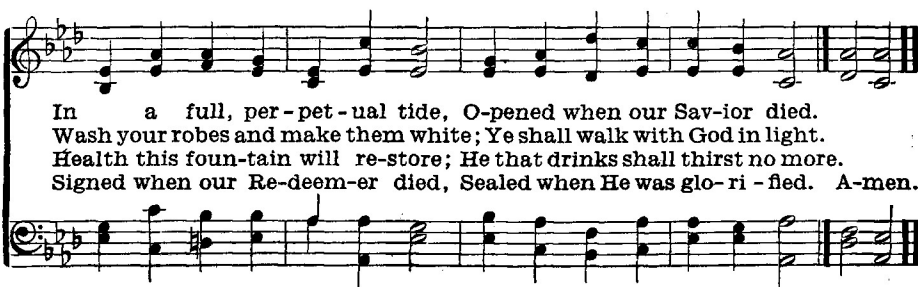
Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1871



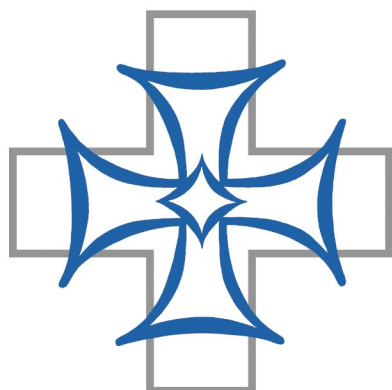
1 Come to Cal-v'ry's ho - ly moun-tain, Sin-ners, ru - ined by the Fall;
2 Come in pov - er - ty and meanness, Come de - fled, with - out, with - in;
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wounded, im - po - tent, and blind;
4 He that drinks shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re - new - ing flood.



Here a pure and heal - ing foun-tain Flows to you, to me, to all,
From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness, From the lep - ro - sy of sin,
Here the guilt - y free re - mis - sion, Here the trou - bled peace, may find.
God is faith - ful; God will nev - er Break His cov - e - nant of blood,



In a full, per - pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
Health this foun-tain will re - store; He that drinks shall thirst no more.
Signed when our Re - deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied. A - men.



TLH 429 – Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Ps. 18

Herzlich lieb hab' ich dich, o Herr

Martin Schalling, c. 1567


Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

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Herzlich lieb hab' ich dich, o Herr

Bernhard Schmid's "Orgelbuch"



Strassburg, 1577





1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from
 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and
 3 Lord, let at last Thine an-gels come, To A-bram's bos-om


me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer me.
 all I have In this poor life of la - - bor.
 bear me home, That I may die un - fear - - ing;

Earth has no plea-sure I would share, Yea, heav'n it - self were
 Lord, grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy
 And in its nar-row cham-ber keep My bod - y safe in

void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
 lav - ish grace And serve and help my neigh - bor.
 peace-ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - - ing.



And should my heart for sor - row break, My trust in
 Let no false doc - trine me be - guile, Let Sa - tan
 And then from death a - wak - en me That these mine

Thee no one could shake. Thou art the Por - tion
 not my soul de - file. Give strength and pa - tience
 eyes with joy may see, O Son of God, Thy

I have sought; Thy pre - cious blood my soul has bought.
 un - to me To bear my cross and fol - low Thee.
 glo - rious face, My Sav - ior and my Fount of grace.

Lord Je - sus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
 Lord Je - sus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
 Lord Je - sus Christ, My prayer at - tend, my prayer at - tend,

For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.
 In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.
 And I will praise Thee with - out end. A - men.

WS 748 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -

a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and

He is your health and sal - va - tion!
 ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 heed - less - ly fall - ing, has stayed you.
 mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.

Let all who hear Now to His tem - ple draw
 Have you not seen All that is need - ful has
 What need or grief Ev - er has failed of re -
 Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can

near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
 do As with His love He be - friends you.

5 Praise to the Lord!

Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
 All that has life and breath,
 Come now with praises before Him!
 Let the Amen
 Sound from His people again;
 Gladly forever adore Him!

TLH 352 – O Savior, Precious Savior

1 Pet. 1: 8

Frances R. Havergal, 1870

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Angel's Story

Arthur H. Mann, 1881



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom, yet un - seen, we love;
2 O Bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought
3 In Thee all ful - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;
4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove



O Name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,
Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,
The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.
In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love!



We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring



We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.
And ev - er - more con - fess Thee Our Sav - ior and our King. A - men.



✝ Announcements ✝

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

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OUR SCHEDULE: "If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

*Online calendar at FDLlutheran.com or go to facebook.com/FDL.lutheran

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| March 13 | 9:00 am | Sunday School/Bible Class |
| | 10:00 am | Worship Service |
| March 16 | 6:30 pm | Midweek Lenten Worship |
| March 17 | 10:00 am | Bible Class |
| March 19 | 7:00 pm | Tour Choir Concert |
| March 20 | 9:00 am | Sunday School/Bible Class |
| | 10:00 am | Worship Service |
| March 23 | 6:30 pm | Midweek Lenten Worship Service |
| March 24 | 10:00 am | Bible Class |
| March 27 | 9:00 am | Sunday School/Bible Class |
| | 10:00 am | Worship Service |

Midweek Lenten Worship: Our Lenten theme this year is: "Lenten Tears" We will again have a Lenten Pulpit exchange with Pastors Mark Bernthal, Mike Eichstadt, and David Ude. All services will be at 6:30 pm. The remaining schedule is as follows:

- March 16: Tears of Sleep---Luke 22:45-46 Pastor Eichstadt
- March 23: "Do Not Weep For Me"---Luke 23:27-31 Pastor Bernthal
- March 30: Tears For Jerusalem---Luke 19:41-44 Pastor Ude
- April 6: Tears of Grief---John 11:17-37 Pastor Sauers

Council Meeting Notes: Here are the highlights from the council meeting held this past Tuesday:

- **Pastor's/Elder's Report:** The elders are working their way through the entire membership list. They are focusing their attention on following up with members who have been absent from worship.
- **Financial Secretary's Report:** Offerings for February were as follows: Budgetary \$13,046.00; Mission \$2,590.00; Non-Budgetary \$2,328.00 (offerings/rent); School \$100.00. The total offerings for the month were \$18,064.00.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Disbursements in February were: Budgetary \$14,942.80; Non-Budgetary \$2,232.36.
- **Buildings and Grounds:** We are looking into quotes for the church roof as it has been over twenty years since it has been reshingled.

LMS Mini Classes: We will be having Mini Classes the week of Monday, April 11 - Wednesday, April 13. These will be a chance for parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles, cousins, and friends down the street to come and show/teach different hobbies or activities with our students. Time slots can be as short as 90 minutes to up to 2-3 hours. We are able to travel a small distance also. If you have something you'd like to prepare to share and teach the students or know someone who might, please reach out to them and Mrs. Wiese soon!

The list of possibilities is endless, but examples could include: taxidermy, candle making, soap making, flower arranging, crocheting, changing a tire, jerky making, leather work, scrap-booking, beekeeping, financial planning, sign language, changing oil, self-defense, or baking/cooking (to name a few).

Tour Choir: Save the date! The ILC Tour Choir is traveling through Michigan and Wisconsin this year and has scheduled a concert at Luther Memorial on Saturday evening, March 19th. The choir will need housing after the concert. If you can house students, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. There is also a sign-up sheet for help with the meal for the choir prior to the service.

Paschal Candle: You have probably noticed the new addition to our sanctuary. It is a large white candle next to the baptismal font. It is called a Paschal Candle or Christ Candle. This candle, along with the stand, which was made by Barry Hay, were given as a gift to the congregation in memory of Don Seibel.

To understand why the church would have a Paschal Candle, we have to understand the origins of the word paschal. Paschal is the Greek word used

for the Passover. The Passover is the feast celebrated by the Jews as a reminder of God delivering the people out of slavery in Egypt. The Passover Feast reminded the people how God, on the night when He went among the Egyptians and killed all the first-born, passed over all the Israelites who had sacrificed a lamb and put the blood on the doorposts and lentils. Here, the Lord showed mercy to His chosen people.

Today as we see the Paschal Candle we are reminded how the Lord shows us mercy by the death of Christ as the sacrifice which covers us in the blood of the Lamb, saves us from death and includes us in the resurrection of Christ.

Also, we are reminded that Christ is the Light of the World. John calls Christ the light of the world and so, when we light the Paschal Candle we are reminded that light has come into the world through Christ.

The Candle is lit on three occasions. It is lit through the Easter Season as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. It is also lit at baptisms where we are brought into Christ's death and resurrection. Finally, it is lit at funerals. There, the Paschal Candle serves as a reminder that even in the darkness of death we have the light of Christ, and death has not had the final say. For the Christian, death is only temporary because of Christ's resurrection.

The use of the Paschal Candle is meant to draw our attention back to the Light of the Word in Christ Jesus, who died for us and was raised by the glory of the Father so we too could be raised with Him.

CLC News: Teacher Claire Abbas of Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane Valley, WA, has accepted the call to be the lower grade teacher at Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN. + Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL. + Pastor Tom Naumann of Mount Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, has received the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL. + Mrs. Debra Mayhew has received the call to teach grades K- 4 at Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN. + Mr. Luke Willitz is still considering the call to be the pastor of Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN.

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| Budgetary (Regular Expenses) | | Budgetary (Regular Expenses) | |
| \$2,537.50 | LM General Budget (03/06) | \$312.50 | CLC General Budget (03/06) |
| \$2,923.08 | Weekly Need | \$384.62 | Weekly Need |
| -\$385.58 | -Under / +Over | -\$72.12 | -Under / +Over |
| \$31,166.00 | Year to Date Offerings | \$13,364.00 | Fiscal Year to Date Offerings |
| \$26,307.72 | Year to Date Need | \$13,846.32 | Fiscal Year to Date Need |
| +\$1,935.20 | Year to Date (+/-) | -\$482.32 | Fiscal Year to Date (+/-) |
| Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses) | | Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses) | |
| \$20.00 | LM School | | ILC Student Aid Fund |
| | LM Student Aid Fund | | ILC Building Fund |
| | LM Debt Retirement | | ILC Improvement Fund |
| | LM M & I | \$75.00 | Mission Development (MDF) |
| | LM Local Missions/ Outreach | \$60.00 | Project Kinship/Orphanage |
| \$50.00 | LM Building Fund | | Fall Mission Festival |
| \$75.00 | LM Ladies Orphan Fund | | Miscellaneous |
| Memorial: \$100.00 to the General Fund in memory of Don Seibel | | | |
| Memorial: \$25.00 to the LM Building Fund in memory of Don Seibel | | | |

CLC Financial Report - February

| CLC Financial Report
Operating Funds | Balance
7/1/2021 | YTD
Revenue | YTD
Disbursed | Budget
8 Month | Balance
2/28/2022 |
|---|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| General Fund | 0 | 677,618 | 811,996 | 840,000 | - 134,378 |
| ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy) | 0 | 1,131,788 | 963,191 | 964,800 | 168,597 |
| Auxiliary Funds | | | | | |
| ILC Improvement Fund (IIF) ** | 124,590 | 352,273 | 295,976 | | 180,887 |
| ILC Building Projects ** | 1,096,716 | 143,106 | 9,862 | | 1,229,260 |
| Mission Development Fund (MDF) | 132,313 | 128,288 | 88,766 | | 171,835 |
| Kinship | 182,119 | 133,457 | 107,050 | | 208,526 |
| Church Extension Fund (CEF) ** | 3,527,885 | -166,688 | 1,198,751 | | 2,162,446 |
| Student Aid Fund (SAF) ** | 133,585 | 60,288 | 78,402 | | 115,471 |
| CLC Reserve Fund (YTD gains/losses) | 300,222 | -46,156 | 0 | | 254,066 |
| Auxiliary Funds Totals | \$5,497,430 | \$604,568 | \$1,778,807 | | \$4,323,191 |

General Fund – February offerings were \$74,582 **VS** disbursements of \$90,424, a negative monthly cash flow of \$15,482, increasing the General Fund indebtedness to -\$134,378. YTD offerings are \$162,382 short of estimated needs, while YTD disbursements are \$28,000 below estimated expenses for the 8 months of the fiscal year. The General Fund struggles to provide the main subsidy (\$1,260,000) for the operation of our Boards of Missions, Regents, Trustees, and Ed & Publication.

ILC Operations – February revenue was \$126,395 (\$61,667 subsidy) **VS** disbursements of \$107,846 (wages/benefits \$78,679), a positive monthly cash flow of \$18,549.

IIF – February revenue: \$660 **VS** \$1,854 disbursed (hail insurance repairs). Realized earnings (dividends & interest) for **Feb & YTD** were: \$498 & \$2,890. Principal value market change --\$1,806.

ILC Building Projects – February offerings: \$690 **VS** \$0 disbursements. Realized earnings (dividends & interest) for **Feb & YTD** were \$4,055 & \$27,905, while changes in principal (capital) value were negative --\$33,513 due to market movements.

CEF – February revenue: \$25,272 loan repayments & \$50 offerings **VS** disbursements: \$22,194 (\$18,131 semi-annual Note interest paid & \$3,727 admin expenses). Realized earnings **Feb & YTD** were \$9,241 & \$60,467. Changes in principal value were negative -- \$33,513 due to the market.

MDF – February offerings \$6,233 (\$378 special) **VS** disbursements of \$12,393, incl \$3,486 for Church Bldg Aid, \$3,000 bicycles, \$4,769 part time missionaries/conferences, \$1,137 for admin expenses.

SAF – February receipts: \$5,674 (\$3,974 loan repayments & \$1,700 special gift) **VS** \$7,882 disbursed for student grants/loans/scholarships; \$976 admin expenses. Realized earnings **Feb & YTD** were: Endowment: \$6,217 & \$36,224; PMP grant: \$7,641 & \$44,526; Scholarship Fund: \$504 & \$2,940.

Kinship – February: Received: \$29,192 offerings & sponsors **VS** disbursed: \$7,208 (\$2,990, orphans; \$2,180 seminary students; \$1,000 medical assistance; \$90, widows).

** Fluctuations up & down in the revenue column above for the ILC Building Projects, IIF, CEF, SAF, & Reserve Fund are partially due to gains & losses in their respective portfolio values due to market fluctuations from month to month. These are reported to help explain the changes in the fund balances, which also reflect disbursements from the funds. The earnings (interest & dividends) are real, constant, & cumulative each month, as are other blessings from the Lord!

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Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you... 2 Thessalonians 3:1



Nepal – The building project of the HCLCN is almost complete. Raju and his family have recently moved from Kathmandu to the Chitwan district, where the new HCLCN seminary and headquarters building is located. The building will be dedicated, and seminary

classes will begin in late March when Missionary Ohlmann is scheduled to visit. With a lifting of Covid restrictions, the HCLCN is planning to start more preaching stations and continue construction and repairs on church buildings in the coming months. **Thank** the Lord for His continued blessings on the building project as final preparations are made for the dedication and the beginning of classes.

Ask the Lord to bless the teaching of His Word in this building that many more faithful preachers and teachers will be trained to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. **Pray** also for those who will be reached with the Gospel during the upcoming evangelism trips, that many will hear, repent, believe in Jesus, and rejoice with us in God's grace and mercy!

Bangladesh –Pastor Monotosh reports that the individuals who were assaulted because of their faith in Jesus have been released from the hospital and are slowly recovering from their injuries. Pastor Monotosh has been busy in recent weeks with evangelism efforts. A pastoral training seminar for fourteen pastors and elders of the BLCM and several evangelism seminars are being planned while Missionary Ohlmann will be in Bangladesh. **Give thanks to our Savior** for the healing granted to His disciples who have suffered for His name's sake. **Ask the Lord** to continue to bless both the preaching and hearing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the evangelism efforts scheduled in Bangladesh.

Myanmar – Life continues to be difficult for our brothers and sisters in Myanmar as the military junta continues to rule with brutality. Many protestors have been imprisoned, killed, or are missing. The military continues to make it difficult for Christians to gather for worship and prayer. Most

government offices and services remain closed along with banks and financial institutions. Food and daily necessities are scarce, and prices have increased. We are thankful that the Lord has provided an opportunity to send funds to Myanmar again so that we may help our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Pray for justice and peace for all the people of Myanmar. **Pray** especially for our brothers and sisters in Christ that the Lord will grant them strength, courage, and boldness during these difficult times.

Togo – The classroom and small dormitory construction is almost finished on church land north of Lomé. Classes with a new cohort of students are scheduled to begin on March 21st. The long-term plan for this property is to serve as the church headquarters and Bible institute. Missionary Evensen has been busy translating and printing lessons for the new semester. **Pray** that the Lord would bless these new buildings, the truth of God's word that will be taught there, and the students who will study to prepare for the Gospel ministry in Togo.

Tanzania – Classes with a new cohort of ten students have recently begun at the Wittenberg Lutheran Theological Seminary of the CLC-Tanzania. These students will spend the first year studying basic theology, Bible History, and English as they prepare for seminary classes next January. **Ask for the Lord's blessings** on these new students and those called to teach and train them.

Kenya – Ted Quade, who is called by the CLC Bd of Missions to serve as the Christian School Instructor Supervisor, and Missionary Ohlmann recently returned from visiting the two schools in Kenya that are supported through offerings to Kinship. Plans to strengthen the spiritual training of the teachers and students were discussed and have already begun. A water well project at the school in Moi's Bridge and a solar energy system to run the pump and provide lights for some classrooms have been completed. **Give thanks to the Lord** for His many blessings and **ask Him** to continue to bless the teachers, students, and the staffs of St. David's Kinship School and Emmaus Millimani School as they grow in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

India – One of the district leaders of the BELC has been suffering with some serious medical issues. He has undergone several tests and is being treated with medicines. **Ask the Lord** to bless the medical treatments and grant His servant strength and

healing. **Pray** for continued protection against persecution in India and for increased boldness and confidence to spread the Gospel amid these dangers.

2022 Mission Helper Trip – The CLC Mission Helper Trips in 2020 and 2021 were canceled due to the pandemic. Plans are currently underway for a trip to East Africa (Tanzania, Zambia, and Kenya) in July of 2022. Our brothers and sisters in Christ in East Africa are eager for the Mission Helper Teams to come again to assist them in the work of proclaiming God's saving word. **Pray** that our Savior will clear any obstacles that may stand in the way of this trip and that plans will go smoothly.

Uganda – Pastor Daniel Mugeni has studied with CLC missionaries and attended pastoral conferences in Kenya for many years. Missionary Mike Gurath and Board of Doctrine member Pastor Andrew Schaller are conducting the formal process of reviewing Pastor Mugeni's doctrinal positions for a possible recommendation for a declaration of fellowship. **Pray** that the Lord would bless this process of establishing God-pleasing fellowship

Zambia, D.R. Congo, Liberia, Nigeria, and Mexico – please continue to pray for all of our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world who are struggling to stay healthy, provide for their families and the ministry as they proclaim the Gospel...trusting the promise of our Savior that His Word will not return to Him void but will accomplish that for which He sent it.

Missionary Evensen – continues to translate Online Theological Studies lessons and courses into French for use in Togo and other French-speaking nations in Africa and elsewhere. He has also been busy getting coursework, textbooks, and lessons ready for the new cohort of students that will begin seminary classes on March 21st. **Ask for the Lord's continued blessings** on the translation work and course preparation so that many more can benefit from learning the truths of God's saving word in their language that many more will be well prepared to serve in the Gospel ministry.

Missionary Ohlmann – is currently working with our brothers and sisters in Christ of the Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM). After spending two weeks in Bangladesh, he will fly to Kathmandu, where he will work with the pastors and leaders of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession of Nepal

(HCLCN) to spread the Gospel and train pastors and teachers. He is scheduled to visit twelve congregations and preaching stations of the BLCM and teach a three-day pastoral training seminar. While in Nepal, he will be on hand for the dedication of the new HCLCN building and the opening of the Himalayan Lutheran Bible Institute. He will also have the opportunity to preach and teach at several congregations and preaching stations and present a two-day pastoral training seminar. **Ask the Lord** to bless his travels and to clear any obstacles that may stand in the way of his travels and work. **Thank the Lord** for this opportunity to assist in the work of proclaiming the Gospel in these nations where less than 5% of the population confess Jesus as Lord and Savior.

The Philippines – Correspondence continues with an independent Lutheran pastor in the Philippines. This pastor has recently completed the first introductory Online Theological Study based on the CLC Statement of Faith and Purpose. A first face-to-face visit is tentatively planned for some time in 2022. **Pray** that the Lord would continue to bless this correspondence, that it will lead to a God-pleasing unity of faith and teaching. **Ask the Lord** to provide opportunities and all that is necessary for Pastor Jordan to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ!

New and Ongoing Opportunities – The Lord continues to provide opportunities to proclaim the truths of His saving Word in a variety of ways in different areas of the world. **Thank the Lord** for the privilege of teaching the truths of His saving Word to others! **Pray** for these individuals and all those around the world that we are working with as they seek to grow in their understanding of God's Word to be better equipped to spread the Good News of our Savior Jesus Christ!

God be merciful to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us,
That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.

Psalm 67:1–2



