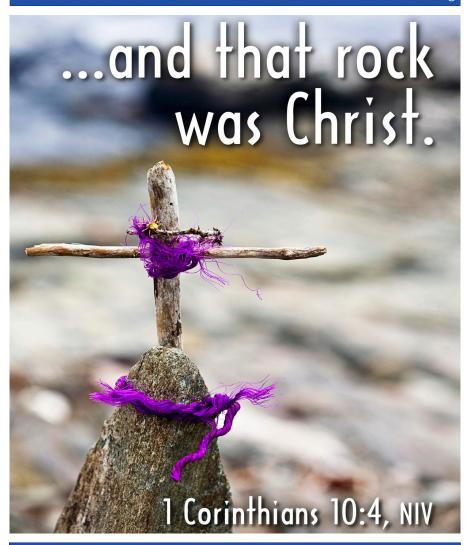
"We Preach Christ Crucified..."

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

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As We Gather

Where is God? This is one of human beings' most frequently-asked and incorrectly-answered questions. We are tempted to believe that evidence of God's presence is found in outward circumstances. We equate good fortune with God's favor and bad fortune with His judgment. So, as long as nothing terrible is happening, God must not be too angry with us, right? We are free to go on sinning. Such foolish assumptions must be crushed. Therefore, God must constantly remind us where He intends to be found—in the gospel. He makes Himself present in Word and sacraments. Because He is always present, we realize the urgent need to turn away from the sin He despises. Because His presence is graciously hidden, we are drawn to Him for forgiveness rather than driven away from Him in fear.

[Today's hymns are printed on pages 8-11 of the bulletin.]

♣ Preparation for Worship ♣

Hymn

TLH 144 – Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing

Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

- **P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from conception. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.
- C Amen.

★ The Service of the Word **★**

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

Salutation

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- **P** Let us pray...
 - ... for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

¹ Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³ And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." 4 When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 5 Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." 6 And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. 7 Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and

the Jebusites. ⁹ And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" ¹² He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." ¹³ Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.' " ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 85

- **P** LORD, you were favorable to your land;
- **©** you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- **P** You forgave the iniquity of your people;
- **C** you covered all their sin.
- **P** You withdrew all your wrath;
- **©** you turned from your hot anger.
- **P** Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
- **and put away your indignation toward us!**
- **P** Will you be angry with us forever?
- **©** Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- **P** Will you not revive us again,
- **C** that your people may rejoice in you?
- **P** Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
- **C** and grant us your salvation.
- **P** Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
- for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.
- **P** Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
- **C** that glory may dwell in our land.
- **P** Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
- **C** righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- **P** Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
- **C** and righteousness looks down from the sky.

- **P** Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
- **C** and our land will yield its increase.
- P Righteousness will go before him
- **C** and make his footsteps a way.

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9

- ¹ There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." ⁶ And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷ And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' ⁸ And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹ Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'
- **P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C Amen.

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 418 – My God, My Father, While I Stray

Sermon Text 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹ For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." 8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, 10 nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. 11 Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. 12 Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

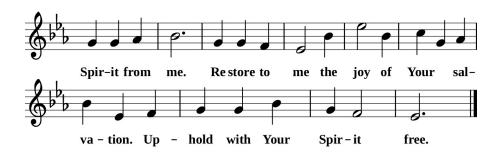


Learn from These Examples

I. The Example of Israel's Unfaithfulness
II. The Example of the Faithfulness of Israel's God

Offertory





Hymn

TLH 395 (1-2, 7-8) – O God, Thou Faithful God

Offering Hymn

TLH 442 st. 2

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee
Gladly, freely, of Thine own;
With the sunshine of Thy goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by Thee, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Benediction

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

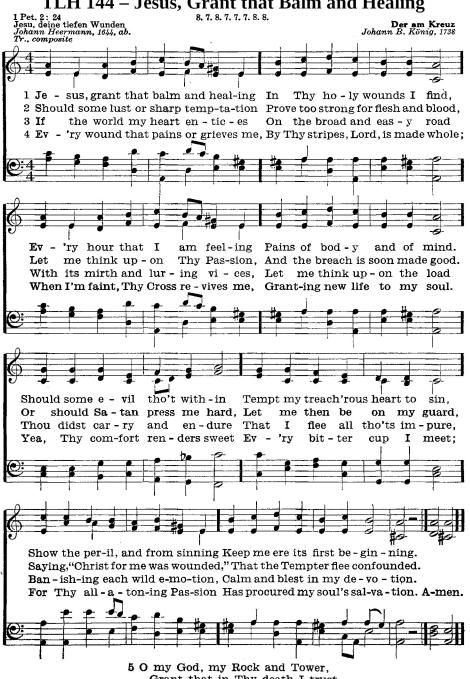
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C Amen.

Hymn

TLH 54 – Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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TLH 144 – Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing



Grant that in Thy death I trust, Knowing Death has lost his power Since Thou trodst him in the dust. Savior, let Thine agony Ever help and comfort me; When I die, be my Protection, Light and Life and Resurrection.

TLH 418 – My God, My Father, While I Stray



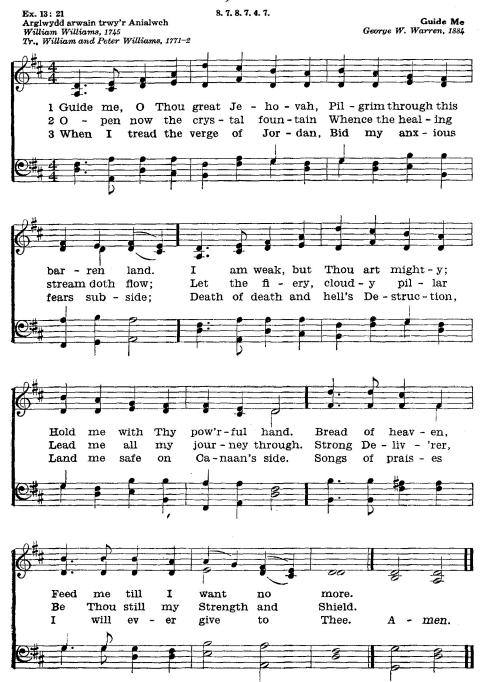
- 5 Should grief or sickness waste away My life in premature decay, My Father, still I strive to say, "Thy will be done."
- 6 Let but my fainting heart be blest With Thy sweet Spirit for its Guest; My God, to Thee I leave the rest— "Thy will be done."
- 7 Renew my will from day to day; Blend it with Thine and take away All that now makes it hard to say, "Thy will be done."
- 8 Then, when on earth I breathe no more, The prayer, oft mixed with tears before, I'll sing upon a happier shore, "Thy will be done."

TLH 395 (1-2, 7-8) – O God, Thou Faithful God



- 7 Let me depart this life
 Confiding in my Savior;
 Do Thou my soul receive
 That it may live forever;
 And let my body have
 A quiet resting-place
 Within a Christian grave;
 And let it sleep in peace.
- 8 And on that solemn Day
 When all the dead are waking,
 Stretch o'er my grave Thy hand,
 Thyself my slumbers breaking.
 Then let me hear Thy voice,
 Change Thou this earthly frame,
 And bid me aye rejoice
 With those who love Thy name.

TLH 54 - Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah



+ 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					
March 20	9:00 am 10:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class Worship Service			
March 22	6:30 pm	Elders			
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			
March 30	6:30 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship			
March 31	10:00 am	Bible Class			
April 3	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 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

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).

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.

Youth Group Movie Night: Youth Group is having a movie night! We will be watching Ron's Gone Wrong and eating popcorn and some candy. We will be at church starting at 6:30. If you have any questions, please contact April Kern.

Easter Lillies: There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for Easter Lillies. The deadline is next Sunday.

New Bible Study Series: We have just finished our Bible class on the Book of Revelation and will begin a new topic next Sunday. Our new topic is on Christian Vocation. Our vocation in Christ is basically how we serve the Lord and our neighbors in whatever role He has called us to in life. In this study, we will be encouraged in our daily walk with the Lord, and we will also learn how we can encourage our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Have You Considered ILC?: Our Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, offers an academically excellent, Christ-centered college education. There are four-year degree programs in Education (BS) and Pre-Theology (BA), as well as a two-year Associate of Arts program. ILC offers a range of student aid to help you finance your education; apply by the May 1 deadline to receive priority consideration. If you are a high school junior or senior (or older) thinking about college, check out our academic and registration information at ILC.edu, or contact our CLC recruiter, Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, at sam.rodebaugh@gmail.com, cell (414) 534-7279.

CLC News: Pastor Mark Tiefel of Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, has received the call to Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI. + Teacher Rebecca Lillo of St. Stephen's Lutheran School, Mountain View, CA, has received the call to teach 3rd -5th grades at Faith Lutheran School. Markesan, WI. + Allison Brown, a member of Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI, has received the call to teach preschool part time at Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. + Pastor Tom Naumann of Mount Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, is still considering the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL. + Teacher Debra Mayhew is still considering the call to teach grades K- 4th 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.



FRUITS OF FAITH – March 13		Attendance: 3/9 – 24; 3/13 - 47		
Luther Memorial Church		Church of the Lutheran Confession		
Budgetary (Regular Expenses)		Budgetary (Regular Expenses)		
\$1,482.00	LM General Budget (03/13)	\$200.00	CLC General Budget (03/13)	
\$2,923.08	Weekly Need	\$384.62	Weekly Need	
-\$1,441.08	-Under / +Over	- \$184.62	-Under / +Over	
\$33,988.00	Year to Date Offerings	\$13,564.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings	
\$32,153.88	Year to Date Need	\$14,230.94	Fiscal Year to Date Need	
+\$1,834.12	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$666.94	Fiscal Year to Date (+/-)	
Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)		Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)		
\$25.00	LM School		ILC Student Aid Fund	
	LM Student Aid Fund		ILC Building Fund	
	LM Debt Retirement		ILC Improvement Fund	
\$15.00	LM M & I	\$25.00	Mission Development (MDF)	
	LM Local Missions/ Outreach	\$10.00	Project Kinship/Orphanage	
\$25.00	LM Building Fund		Fall Mission Festival	
	LM Ladies Orphan Fund		Miscellaneous	
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