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WELCOME: *To all who are present today, we offer a heart-felt welcome in Jesus' name.*

God's people often live with the fear that there will not be enough—enough provision, enough security, enough righteousness to stand before Him. Yet the Lord answers that fear not by demanding more from us, but by giving abundantly from Himself and supplying what they cannot produce on their own. The central message is that life with God rests entirely on His gracious provision, which turns scarcity into abundance and slavery into the freedom of His children.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER: *We ask the Lord's blessings on our worship.*

HYMN: #157

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

**There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.**

**The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there have I, as vile as he,
Washed all my sins away.**

**Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more.**

**E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die.**

**When this poor lispng, stammering tongue
Lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Thy power to save.
Amen.**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: 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.

Cong: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. 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.

Pastor: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. This Gospel is the power of God unto salvation for everyone who believes, because in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written: The just shall live by faith.

Cong: Amen.

GLORY TO GOD

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

**Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.**

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,

**You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who, with the Spirit worshipped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: Almighty God, we implore You to look upon Your people with favor and kindness, that by the power of Your grace our lives may be governed, preserved, and protected and that we might boldly live as Your ambassadors in this present evil generation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Cong: Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 49:8-16

(ESV) Thus says the LORD: "In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, (9) saying to the prisoners, 'Come out,' to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.' They shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture; (10) they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. (11) And I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be raised up. (12) Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene." (13) Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on his

afflicted. (14) But Zion said, “The LORD has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me.” (15) “Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. (16) Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Galatians 4:21-31

(ESV) Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? (22) For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. (23) But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. (24) Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. (25) Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. (26) But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. (27) For it is written, “Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband.” (28) Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. (29) But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. (30) But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” (31) So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

Pastor: Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.

Cong:

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

These words are written that we may believe

That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures And ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: #347

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

**Jesus, priceless Treasure,
Fount of purest pleasure,
Truest Friend to me.
Ah, how long in anguish**

Shall my spirit languish,
Yearning, Lord, for Thee?
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!
I will suffer naught to hide Thee,
Naught I ask beside Thee.

In Thine arms I rest me;
Foes who would molest me
Cannot reach me here.
Tho' the earth be shaking,
Ev'ry heart be quaking,
Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash And thunders crash;
Yet, tho' sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.

Satan, I defy thee;
Death, I now decry thee;
Fear, I bid thee cease.
World, thou shalt not harm me
Nor thy threats alarm me
While I sing of peace.
God's great pow'r Guards ev'ry hour;
Earth and all its depths adore Him,
Silent bow before Him.

Hence, all earthly treasure!
Jesus is my Pleasure,
Jesus is my Choice.
Hence, all empty glory!
Naught to me thy story
Told with tempting voice.
Pain or loss, Or shame or cross,
Shall not from my Savior move me

Since He deigns to love me.

**Evil world, I leave thee;
Thou canst not deceive me,
Thine appeal is vain.
Sin that once did blind me,
Get thee far behind me,
Come not forth again.
Past thy hour, O pride and power;
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
Leave thee now forever.**

**Hence, all fear and sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er I here must bear,
Thou art still my purest Pleasure,
Jesus, priceless Treasure!
Amen.**

THE SERMON: John 6:1-15

(ESV) After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. (2) And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. (3) Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. (4) Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. (5) Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" (6) He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. (7) Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." (8)

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, (9) "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" (10) Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. (11) Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. (12) And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." (13) So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. (14) When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!" (15) Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

“Interrupted Rest”

OFFERTORY

**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.**

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

GENERAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

**"Come unto Me, ye weary,
And I will give you rest."
O blessed voice of Jesus,
Which comes to hearts opprest!
It tells of benediction,
Of pardon, grace, and peace,
Of joy that hath no ending,
Of love which cannot cease.**

**"Come unto Me, ye wand'ers,
And I will give you light."
O loving voice of Jesus,
Which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness,
And we had lost our way;
But Thou hast bro't us gladness
And songs at break of day.**

**"Come unto Me, ye fainting,
And I will give you life."
O cheering voice of Jesus,
Which comes to aid our strife!
The Foe is stern and eager,
The fight is fierce and long;
But Thou hast made us mighty
And stronger than the strong.**

**"And whosoever cometh,
I will not cast him out."
O patient love of Jesus,
Which drives away our doubt,
Which, tho' we be unworthy**

**Of love so great and free,
Invites us very sinners
To come, dear Lord, to Thee!
Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Cong: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and spiritually beneficial for us, in all places and in all circumstances, to give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to mankind that, as death arose from a tree, so Life also might rise again, and that he who by a tree once overcame might likewise by a tree be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and give glory to Your name, evermore praising You and singing:

Cong:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord
God of heavenly hosts adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim
Shout the glory of Your name.
Sing Hosanna in the highest,
Sing Hosanna to the Lord.
Truly blest is He who comes
In the name of the Lord.**

Pastor: 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 also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood which is shed for you for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Cong: Amen.

Cong:

**O Lamb of God, O Christ, our Lord,
Whose blood, once shed, true life restored,
Impart Your joy, our faith increase,
Sustain with Your mercy,
And grant us Your peace.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

HYMN:

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

**O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A Light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The Glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit –
Forever Three-in-One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

Cong:

**My heart has now become Your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Your praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally.
Lord, may Your body and Your blood
Be for my soul the highest good.**

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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 peace.

Cong: Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH COUNCIL/ELDERS MEETING: The elders will meet briefly following today's service.

MIDWEEK LENT SERVICE: Our fifth midweek Lent service will be this Wednesday, beginning at 9:30 AM. We have been meditating on the seven words of Jesus for Lent this year. The fifth word is a word of fulfillment, as Christ fulfills all Biblical prophecy to remain perfect that He might be our Savior.

CIRCUIT TRIP: Pastor will be departing following the Wednesday service for the monthly circuit trip to Tennessee and North Carolina. God willing, he will be home Saturday evening.

ILC TOUR CHOIR: The Immanuel Lutheran tour choir will be performing At Redeemer Lutheran Church of Cheyenne tomorrow night at 7pm mountain time. They are planning on streaming the service. If you would like to watch the live stream of it, here is the link to their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/RedeemerCheyenne>.

Please keep the Tour Choir in your prayers that the Lord would provide them with safe travel conditions. This time of year has ever changing weather conditions, including sudden snow storms and strong winds.

WORK DAY: The Saturday before Palm Sunday, March 28, we will have a work day at church to clean the yard and give a spring cleaning to the church. Please join us as you are able.

EASTER BRUNCH: We will be having a brunch on Easter Sunday morning, as is the tradition at Faith. The brunch will be in place of Bible Class and will begin at 8:00 AM.

CALL NEWS: Teacher Levi Schaller of Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI, has received the call to Redeemer Lutheran

School, Cheyenne, WY. <> Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck has accepted the two-year call from the CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions to serve as the President of Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI. <> Teacher Lane Fischer of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran School, Mankato, MN, has received the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. <> Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, has returned the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, has accepted the call to Grace Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN.<> Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, MI, has returned the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. <> Teacher Noah Ohlmann of Grace Ev. Lutheran School, Valentine, NE, has received the call to teach grades 3-4 and serve as associate principal at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI. <> Dr. Daniel Sullivan has received the call from the CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions to serve as a professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

March 16 – March 21, 2026

Mon John 6:1-15 Jesus provides ample food for more than five thousand people. But bread alone does not bring spiritual life, and He withdraws again when they want to force Him to be their earthly king (v15).

Tues Galatians 4:21-31 Paul urges the Galatians to remain children of the promise (saved by grace), and not to return to slavery to the law for their hope of life. He illustrates with Sarah's and Hagar's offspring.

Wed Isaiah 49:8-13 The LORD promises to help and guard His servant and to make Him a covenant for the people. Thus the LORD comforts His people and shows mercy to His afflicted ones (v13).

Thurs Psalm 139:1-12 The all-knowing LORD has placed His hand on us (v.5) and is with us always, no matter where we may go (v8-9). He always sees clearly, for darkness and light are the same to Him (v12).

Fri Psalm 139:13-24 Not only do God's knowledge and presence comfort us, but also His great power, shown in our creation. He has the power over all those who hate Him, and He leads us in the way everlasting.

Sat Psalm 46 God's power is so high above both nations and creation in turmoil that we need never fear, though all are trembling around us. He makes wars cease and says, "Be still, and know that I am God" (v10).