



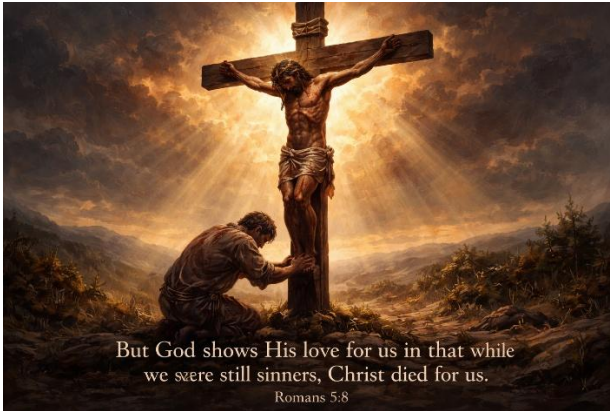
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WELCOME: *Good morning and welcome to all who are present with us this morning.*

In today's Scripture Lessons and Sermon we learn that faith is not the absence of struggle but the refusal to let go of God's promise when He seems hidden, distant, or even opposed to us. The one who clings to Him in weakness discovers that God is faithful to His Word which becomes the place where mercy is given and peace with God is secured through the cross of Christ. For the Lord who wounds pride and tests perseverance is the same Lord who justifies the ungodly and blesses those who will not let go of His Word.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

HYMN: #148 (1, 4, 5,7, 8) "Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light"

Lord Jesus Christ, my Life, my Light,
My Strength by day, my Trust by night,
On earth I'm but a passing guest
And sorely by my sins opprest.

Oh let Thy suff'rings give me pow'r
To meet the last and darkest hour!
Thy blood refresh and comfort me;
Thy bonds and fetters make me free.

Oh, let Thy holy wounds for me
Clefts in the rock forever be
Where as a dove my soul can hide
And safe from Satan's rage abide.

Lord, in Thy nail-prints let me read
That Thou to save me hast decreed
And grant that in Thine opened side
My troubled soul may ever hide.

Since Thou hast died, the Pure, the Just,
I take my homeward way in trust.
The gates of heaven, Lord, open wide
When here I may no more abide.
Amen.

INVOCATION

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

Cong: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Dearly loved by God, since we have come to worship and give praise to our God, we ought to acknowledge that we come as sinners who have fallen short of the glory of God. So let us draw near with a true heart to confess our sins unto God, our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Cong: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord."

Cong: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

Pastor: On the basis of your confession and by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: Amen.

Pastor: Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your loving-kindnesses, for they have been from of old.

Unto You, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, I trust in You, let me not be ashamed.

Cong: *(sung)*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Glory be to God on high,
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We thank You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You,
we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God,
heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. You who takes away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You who sits at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For You only are holy; You only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And with your spirit.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: Merciful God, we give You praise and thanks that You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be lifted up upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and reconcile sinners to You. We pray, by this Gospel draw all people to Him by faith and give them life. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Cong: Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 32:22-32

(ESV) The same night Jacob arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. (23) He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. (24) And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. (25) When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. (26) Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." (27) And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." (28) Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." (29) Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. (30) So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." (31) The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. (32) Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 5:1-11

(ESV) Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (2) Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (3) Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, (4) and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, (5) and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (6) For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. (7) For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— (8) but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (9) Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. (10) For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. (11) More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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: #151 (1, 2, 5-7)

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

Christ, the Life of all the living,
Christ, the Death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe,--
Thro' thy suff'rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit:
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee
That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee,--
Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish
Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou hast suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.
Amen.

THE SERMON: Matthew 15:21-28

(ESV) And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. (22) And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." (23) But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her

away, for she is crying out after us.” (24) He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” (25) But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” (26) And he answered, “It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.” (27) She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.” (28) Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

“WHEN GOD SEEMS SILENT”

THE OFFERTORY *(sung)*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
And take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.**

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

GENERAL PRAYER

HYMN: #437

“Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode”

**Who trusts in God, a strong abode
In heav'n and earth possesses;
Who looks in love to Christ above,
No fear his heart oppresses.
In Thee alone, dear Lord, we own
Sweet hope and consolation,
Our Shield from foes, our Balm for woes,
Our great and sure Salvation.**

Tho' Satan's wrath beset our path
And worldly scorn assail us,
While Thou art near, we will not fear;
Thy strength shall never fail us.
Thy rod and staff shall keep us safe
And guide our steps forever;
Nor shades of death nor hell beneath
Our souls from Thee shall sever.

In all the strife of mortal life
Our feet shall stand securely;
Temptation's hour shall lose its pow'r,
For Thou shalt guard us surely.
O God, renew with heav'nly dew
Our body, soul, and spirit
Until we stand at Thy right hand
Thro' Jesus' saving merit.
Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Cong: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

Cong: It is good and right so to do.

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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts,
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, Blessed is He,
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Cong: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the same night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke 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 covenant 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.

**O Christ, the Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, the Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, the Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Grant us Your peace. Amen.**

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

On the basis of the Bible's teaching about Holy Communion, at Faith Lutheran Church we believe that Christ gives to us His true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We also understand that, while Christ instituted this meal for the strengthening of His believers' faith, this Sacrament has the potential to bring judgment on those who do not receive it with a proper understanding of its nature and purpose. In love, we ask that if you are not a member of Faith Lutheran Church, or a sister church in the CLC, that you NOT come forward to receive the sacrament.

If you would like more information concerning receiving Communion with us in the future, please speak with the pastor following the service.

SIMEON'S SONG FOR A PEACEFUL DEPARTURE

**O Lord, now You are letting Your servant
Depart in peace according to Your Word.**

**For my eyes have seen Your salvation
Which You have prepared before the face of all people.**

A Light to lighten the Gentiles

And the Glory of Your people, Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

And to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now,

And ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

Pastor: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

Cong: And His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this special means of grace. We ask that, of Your everlasting mercy, You would strengthen us through it in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Cong: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

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

AL/GA CIRCUIT TRIP: Pastor Gantt will be leaving following today's service for the monthly circuit trip to AL and GA. God willing, he will be home late Tuesday evening.

MIDWEEK LENT SERVICES: The third of our special midweek Lenten services will be on Wednesday beginning at 9:30 AM. Our meditations this Lent are the Seven Words of Jesus from the Cross.

IMMANUEL TOUR CHOIR: While the Immanuel Tour Choir will not be making the trip to Manchester this year, at least one congregation has offered to stream the concert live when the choir sings there. If you have Facebook, you can go to the following page:

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

This concert will take place on Sunday, March 15th. The concert is at 7pm Mountain Time/8pm central/9pm eastern.

CALL NEWS 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. <> Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Teacher Karen Swyter has resigned her call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, 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. <> Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck has received 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 Debra Mayhew has accepted the full-time call to teach grades 1-2 at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran School, Mankato, MN. <> Pastor Emeritus Paul Nolting has accepted a one-year part-time call to teach religion at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran School, Mankato, MN. <> Teacher Katie Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven, FL, has received the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY. <> Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, has received the call to Grace Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN. <> Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, MI, has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. <> Seminarian Sam Radermacher, in conjunction with his vicarship under Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has accepted the summer vacancy call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

March 2 – March 7, 2026

Mon Matthew 15:21-28 Jesus, sent to the lost sheep of Israel, was not out merely to expand His fan-base. Nevertheless, those who come in faith, Jew or Gentile, find access through Him to the mercy seat of God.

Tues 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7 Redeemed by God's mercy, we will want to live in such a way as is pleasing to God. Keeping away from sexual immorality is not to our harm, but results from our upward call in Christ.

Wed Isaiah 45:20-25 The LORD invites us to come together to Him. Turn to Him and be saved, all you ends of the earth (v22). There is no God except He, a righteous God and Savior (v21).

Thurs Psalm 35:1-18 Enemies of the LORD's servant are enemies of the LORD. The prayer for God's help is repeated (1-8,9-18), asking that the enemies be driven away and that life might be once again restored (v17).

Fri Psalm 35:19-28 Yet a third time the LORD's servant prays for help against false accusations and mockery. He foresees friends saying, "The LORD is great. He takes delight in the peace of his servant" (v27).

Sat Psalm 130 From out of the depths to the heights of heaven in eight verses. Such a rise is possible because "with the LORD there is mercy. With Him there is abundant redemption" (v7) . Wait for the LORD!