

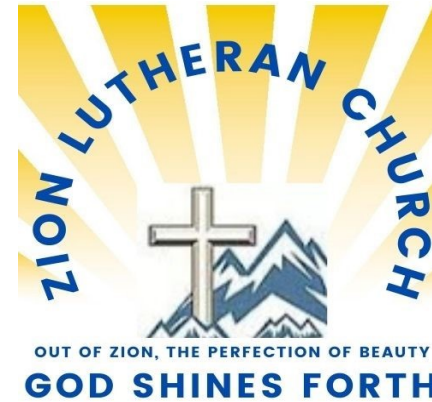
ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR AWAY: Pastor Gantt is in attendance at the Ladies' Retreat in South Carolina this weekend. God willing, he will return home this evening.

LENT & BIBLE CLASS: Our Wednesday evening Bible Class will continue at its normal time each week throughout Lent. Our traditional Lent services will take place on the Sunday morning services throughout Lent. The exceptions will be during Holy Week, when we will also have Mandy Thursday and Good Friday services.

CLC NOMINATIONS: The deadline is March 31 for nominations to CLC offices at our upcoming synod convention in June. Pastors, professors, male teachers, and voters of congregations within the Church of the Lutheran Confession are invited to nominate individuals for the following synodical offices: • CLC President • CLC Vice-President • CLC Moderator • CLC Secretary • Called Servants for the Board of Trustees, Regents, Missions, and Education • Lay Members for the Board of Trustees, Regents, Missions, and Education. An online nomination form and accompanying information is available on the cclutheran.org website. On the homepage, scroll down to "2024 CLC Synodical Office Nominations." There you will see a link to click for making your nominations.

CALL NEWS: Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Mankato, MN has called Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church and School, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Paul Krause of Zion Lutheran in Hidewood and Trinity Lutheran in Watertown, SD has returned the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI. <> Teacher Amy Osborne of Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC, is still considering the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. <> Teacher Kendra Rodebaugh of Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane, WA, is still considering the call to Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI. <> Teacher Matthew Kranz, Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, is still considering the call to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI to be their 5th- 6th grade teacher and assistant principal. <> Teacher Matthew Thurow of Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN is still considering the call to be a professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College in Eau Claire, WI. This is to fill the position currently held by Professor Mark Kranz who is retiring at the end of this school year.

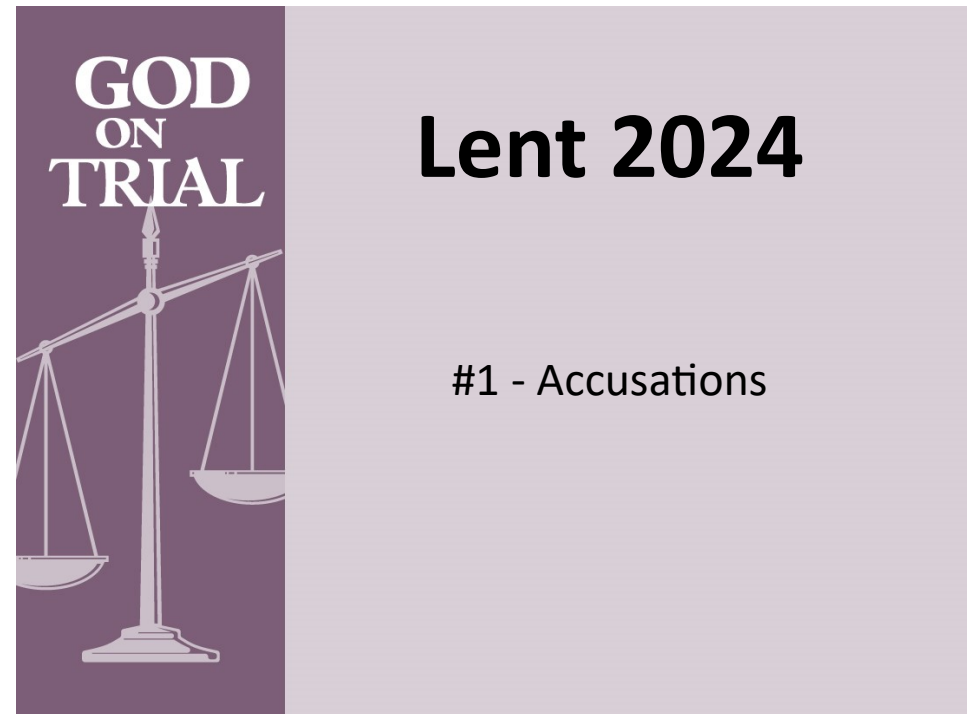


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The Order of Worship

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

HYMN: #140 (vv.1-4).....“*Jesus, I Will Ponder Now*”

INVOCATION

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

Cong: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS & ABSOLUTION

P: God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

Cong: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Cong: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Then let us confess our sins to God in prayer and seek His forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Cong: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature and have sinned against you in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray, of Your bountiful mercy, be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in every need. In the peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord.

(ESV) Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: (7) "Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. (8) Will you even put me in the wrong? Will you condemn me that you may be in the right? (9) Have you an arm like God, and can you thunder with a voice like his? (10) "Adorn yourself with majesty and dignity; clothe yourself with glory and splendor. (11) Pour out the overflowings of your anger, and look on everyone who is proud and abase him. (12) Look on everyone who is proud and bring him low and tread down the wicked where they stand. (13) Hide them all in the dust together; bind their faces in the world below. (14) Then will I also acknowledge to you that your own right hand can save you.

God On Trial: #1—Accusations

THE OFFERING: *We offer our livelihood to the Lord in response to His grace.*

THE PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER: *We offer our petitions to the Lord and join in the prayer our Lord taught us.*

HYMN: #158.....“*Glory Be to Jesus*”

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;

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

Cong: Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE 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: #159.....“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

THE SERMON: Job 9:1-12 & Job 40:6-14

(ESV) Then Job answered and said: (2) "Truly I know that it is so: But how can a man be in the right before God? (3) If one wished to contend with him, one could not answer him once in a thousand times. (4) He is wise in heart and mighty in strength --who has hardened himself against him, and succeeded?-- (5) he who removes mountains, and they know it not, when he overturns them in his anger, (6) who shakes the earth out of its place, and its pillars tremble; (7) who commands the sun, and it does not rise; who seals up the stars; (8) who alone stretched out the heavens and trampled the waves of the sea; (9) who made the Bear and Orion, the Pleiades and the chambers of the south; (10) who does great things beyond searching out, and marvelous things beyond number. (11) Behold, he passes by me, and I see him not; he moves on, but I do not perceive him. (12) Behold, he snatches away; who can turn him back? Who will say to him, 'What are you doing?'

Cong: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we confess our sins to You and plead for your mercy. We acknowledge that sin runs too deep in our nature for us ever to rid ourselves of it, but we thank You sent Jesus to do what we could not do, washing us clean of every stain. We plead for Your Spirit to work in us now to will and to do for Your good pleasure, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit—one God forever and ever.

Cong: Amen.

PASSION READING: *At the Mount of Olives*

He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him. And Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of Me this night, for it is written: ‘I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee.” But Peter answered and said to Him, “Even though all may fall away because of You, I will never fall away.” And Jesus said to him, “Truly I say to you that today, even this night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.” But Peter spoke more vehemently: “Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You.” And so said all the disciples.

They went over the brook Kidron, and they came to a garden named Gethsemane. When He came to the place, Jesus said to His disciples: “Sit here while I go and pray over there. Pray that you may not enter into temptation.” And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, James and John, and He was withdrawn from the others about a stone’s throw. And He began to be sorrowful, troubled, and deeply distressed. Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.”

He went a little farther, and He knelt down. He fell to the ground on His face and prayed, that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. He said: “Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup

pass from Me; if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me. Nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will. Not My will, but Yours, be done." Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in agony He prayed more fervently; and His sweat became like great drops of blood, falling down to the ground.

When He rose up from prayer, He came to His disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? What, could you not watch with Me one hour?" He said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise, watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing and ready, but the flesh is weak." He went away again a second time and prayed, saying the same words, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done."

He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him. So He left them and went away again and prayed the third time, saying the same words once more. Then He came to His disciples the third time, and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough. Behold, the hour has come; it is at hand. Behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise up, let us be going. Behold, he who betrays Me is at hand."

Now Judas, one of the twelve, who betrayed Jesus, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples. Judas, having received a detachment of troops and officers from the chief priests and the scribes and the Pharisees and elders of the people, came there with lanterns and torches, and weapons: swords and clubs. Immediately, while Jesus was still speaking, a great multitude came, and the one called Judas went before them. Now he who betrayed Jesus had given them a sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the one; take Him, and lead Him away safely."

Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?" They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with

them. When He said to them, "I am He," they went backward and fell to the ground. Then He asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?" They said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am He; therefore if you seek Me, let these go their way," -- that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none."

Judas drew near to Jesus to kiss Him. He went up and said to Him, "Hail, Master!" and kissed Him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, why have you come? Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" When those who were around Jesus saw what was going to happen, they said to Him, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him. Suddenly Simon Peter, one of those who stood by with Jesus, stretched out his hand and drew out his sword, and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

Jesus said, "Permit even this!" And He touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into the sheath; for all who take the sword will die by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? But how then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus? Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given me?"

In that hour Jesus said to the chief priests and captains of the temple and elders who had come to Him, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you in the temple, teaching, and you did not lay hands on Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness. All this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. The Scriptures must be fulfilled.

Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled. Now a certain young man followed Him, having a linen cloth thrown around his naked body; and the young men laid hold of him. He left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.